

So you have no wrapping paper and the shops are shut? Wrapping the gift in newspaper is pretty self explanatory but here's how you make the lovely flower on top. Cut several strips of newspaper, some about 15cm wide, some a little narrower. Fold one strip in half length ways and make a series of cuts along its fold as shown in picture 1. When you've cut along the whole length, roll up the resulting looped fringe and secure with some tape. Fluff out the 'petals' of the flower. Use up all the strips of paper in the same way. Gather all the sections together with the smaller ones on the outside. Join them with tape and leave the ends unstick and use these to attach the flower to the gift. You could even match the type of paper you use to the recipient; use the finance section for a businessman, a comic for a child or magazine recipe pages for an aspiring chef's gift.



ENJOY THESE GIFT AND WRAPPING IDEAS...REMEMBER THAT A GIFT FROM THE HEART HAS NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

Gifts From the Heart



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Journal in a Jar



Jumpstart journal writers with a quart-sized canning jar filled with folded strips of paper. Each one contains a single thought provoking journal prompt. Paired with a pretty blank book, a Journal Jar makes a great gift.

Journal Jar Label:

It's a recipe for a life story! Each day, select a journal slip. Paste it to the top of a fresh journal page and fill in your answer. Enjoy the memories!

Journal Prompt examples:

- ☺When you were young what games did you play in your house or neighborhood?
- ☺What is your full name? Who were you named after? What do you think of your name?
- ☺What activities do you enjoy now that you also enjoyed as a child? Name them.
- ☺What special skills did you learn as a child? Who taught you?
- ☺What was your best and worst subject in elementary school? In middle school? In high school?

Gift Wrap Ideas...Gift Wrap Ideas...



Have your kids, grand-kids, nieces, and nephews draw on plain white butcher paper. They will add an original flare that can't be copied and your gifts will be the talk of the occasion.

Try this colorful idea.

Pick up some paint color cards at your local home improvement store and cut shapes from different color palettes. Glue them on a string across your package to make a modern decoration.



Game Box

Our game box was made by gluing cutout photo copies of family pictures to the top of the box with Mod Podge. We made the label using the computer.



HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Each player chooses a game token and its matching empty treasure box. Roll the die to establish the order of play, then proceed around the board based on the roll of the die.

When you land on a space, follow the instructions. For instance, if you land on a Share a Memory space featuring your local library, you must tell a brief story about yourself at the library or share a related fact, such as the title of a favorite book. Some spaces reward you with a treasure; others require that you answer a question correctly to earn one.

Once you've collected all 5 treasures, you can turn up the path to Home. If someone takes a treasure from you before you arrive, however, you must go back around the board until your collection is again complete. The first player to roll the exact number to land on Home wins.

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A hug is a great gift, —one size fits all and it's easy to exchange.

~ Author Unknown

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."~Kahlil Gibron

Printable Personalized Coupon Gift Booklet

Have you ever received a gift certificate from a store? Well why not make your own personalized coupon or coupon booklet. The coupons can be for anything, hugs, time, or a meal that you prepare.

Good For 3 Free Hugs!



THIS CERTIFICATE GOOD FOR

REDEEMABLE ONLY BY

EXPIRATION DATE_____

This Coupon Good for 1 Night of
Babysitting.....



Enjoy your date night!!

Preserving Family Memories: A Game of Stories

The object of the game is to be the first to return home with a box full of treasures collected during a trip through old neighborhoods. But the race to win is only half the fun; the real entertainment is in the reminiscing as players relive family history.

You will need:

- *An old game board
- *Con-Tact paper, white and clear
- *Solid-colored wrapping paper
- *Glue stick
- *2-by 4-inch removable mailing labels
- *A Trivia card
- *Electrical Tape



Board

- 1 Cut a piece of white Con-Tact paper about an inch larger than your board, peel off the adhesive back, and stick the Con-Tact paper to the board. Trim off the excess paper.
- 2 To add color to the board, first cut a piece of wrapping paper slightly larger than the board. Starting at one edge of the board, use a glue stick to apply a 2 inch-wide swath of glue to the surface. Next, lay the wrapping paper over the glued section and smooth it down. Alternate between applying a swath of glue and laying down the wrapping paper until the board is covered. Do not apply glue to the entire board at once as the glue will dry out, and don't use Mod Podge – it will cause the paper to buckle. Smooth out any air bubbles or wrinkles.
- 3 Create thirty 2- by 2-inch game spaces using a computer and removable mailing labels, cutting the 2- by 4-inch labels in half after printing them. See the complete list of game spaces below.
- 4 Affix the spaces evenly on the board, as shown.
- 5 To mark where the trivia cards are stacked during play, glue one of the cards to the board near the Home space, “Memory Lane” side up, as shown.
- 6 Seal the game board with clear Con-Tact paper.
- 7 Wrap the edges of the board with electrical tape.



Game Spaces

The magic of Memory Lane resides in the appeal of the places you choose for the Share a Memory spaces: a favorite family cottage by the ocean, an old movie theater in town, the neighborhood school — any location that your kids love and that evokes memories. Our pieces feature clip art from Microsoft Office. Find them on your computer or at: office.microsoft.com/enus/

Trivia Cards

Use a computer and printer (or download our trivia card template with sample questions) to create 20 or so 3 x 5 inch cards with trivia questions on one side and “Memory Lane” on the other. We included some questions about current players, such as “Where was the player to your left born?” others that focused on interesting family history; and a few that required

Treasures

We used wooden cutouts (available in the wood section of craft stores) for our treasures. Each represents an important element of life: health (apple), wealth (a car), happiness (a smiley face), knowledge (a book), and relaxation (a palm tree). You'll need a set of treasures for each player. Usually 4.

Odds and Ends

To complete the game, you'll need metal charms matching the ones glued to the treasure boxes to serve as game pieces (one for each player). You'll also need a die.

TREASURE BOXES

Made from empty candy tins, our treasure boxes are just the right size for holding the treasures. To decorate the tins, we glued leftover wrapping paper to the tops of the boxes, added some color to the sides with electrical tape (slicing the tape along the openings after it was applied), then hot-glued a charm on each.

- **Pick a card** (make 4)
- **Swipe! Take a treasure** (from an opponent; make 3)
- **Pick a treasure** (from the pile; make 2)
- **Go to your room!** (and skip a turn; make 1)
- **Start** (make 1)
- **Home** (make 1)