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## Decorating for the holidays

(WTNH, Dec. 4, 2004) \_ For some of us, getting a Christmas tree is hard work. So imagine what it's like to decorate the whole house for the holidays.

Lisa Davenport of Lisa Davenport's Home Gallery has more on how we can spruce up the home this Christmas season.

### Ten Simple Tips to Dazzling Holiday Packages:

- Be organized - set up an area or even a container in your home specifically for all gift wrapping items
- Necessary tools for wrapping include separate ribbon and paper scissors, a deckled edge or decorative scissors, a hole punch, invisible standard tape and plenty of double sided tape
- Create a color palette for wrapping packages by using several rolls of solid color wrapping paper and two rolls of coordinating prints (to mix and match)
- Use different color ribbons in varying widths and thin ribbon or chording in a couple of different colors. Basic colors like red and white, metallic silver or gold are most practical.
- Be sure not to throw away any leftover wrapping paper or ribbon – even the smallest piece can be used as a gift embellishment
- Christmas balls, stocking stuffers, decorative hair accessories and even jewelry can be used to decorate packages. Be creative.
- Use cut out designs from decorative papers affixed to squares or circles of card stock to create coordinating gift tags
- Always put the tape on the wrapping paper not on the gift.
- Wrap packages with paper and simple ribbon ahead of time and then tie on embellishments when you arrive at your destination.
- To keep ribbons and embellishments more secure tie them onto packages rather than tape them.



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