Create Your Own Wrapping Paper

How to make your own wrapping paper:

1. To protect your work surface, place the paper or plastic cover on the surface and fasten it with tape.
2. Place the paper that you are planning to decorate on top of the protected surface, making sure it is level. Cut out festive themed templates and paste them onto the paper with double sided tape.
3. Decide how many colours you will be using and pour a little of each colour paint into the plates (you can always add more later).
4. Blow up your balloons in all different sizes. One for each colour. Get ready to paint with the balloons!
5. Dip the tip of the balloons into the paint. Do a trial run on a clean sheet of paper to see if you get the desired effect.
6. Let the fun begin! Now you can paint, or shall we rather say, play. Use your own initiative and make different patterns all over the paper. You can mix colours and be as creative as you want to be.
7. When the paint is completely dry, you can remove the templates from the paper to reveal your festive themed paper.
8. Make as many sheets as you need and wrap all your precious gifts. Decorate with cards and ribbon to make them even more personal.

You will need:

- Paper big enough to cover your gifts
- Balloons of different sizes
- Maped Poster Paint (decide how many colours you want to use)
- Paper or plastic sheet to cover your workspace
- Plates to pour paint into
- Cut-out templates
- Double sided tape

Maped paints come in different colours and interesting yet practical containers with easy-open flip caps. They also comply with current toy regulations. So, Mums, let's have some fun. Don't even think twice about it!

Qualities of Maped paints

- Highly pigmented
- Bright and vivid colours which can be mixed to create endless colours
- High covering power
- Add water to obtain an opaque or watercolour effect
- Easy to open flip-cap
- Stain tip: pre-wash and machine wash immediately (cold programme)
- Shelf life: three years in normal conditions of storage