Make Your Own Wrapping Paper

Pretty wrapping paper can be part of what makes a present special. Make your own custom wrapping paper for the presents you're giving to the people you love this Christmas!

How to Make Your Wrapping Paper:

1. If you don't have a big sheet of flexible paper, start by taping regular sheets of paper together along the edges so that you have created one giant sheet of paper.

2. Spread your big sheet of paper out on a table or the floor.

3. Dream up your design. Will it have stripes? Polka dots? Lots of little Christmas trees? Will you use just a couple of colors, or loads of them? If you're making the wrapping paper for one particular person, what kind of design do you think they would like best?

4. Use your decorative items to draw or stick on to your giant sheet of paper. Here's a hint: your paper WILL get wrapped around a present, so not of all it will be seen at one time. Making your design the size of your hand and then repeating it over and over will look the most like regular wrapping paper.

5. Once you're all done, give your work some time to dry.

6. Wrap away! Have fun giving your specially wrapping present away!

What You'll Need:

- One big sheet of flexible paper, like parchment, butcher, or craft paper. Or lots of regular paper you'll tape together.
- Tape or glue.

- Things to decorate your wrapping paper with, (old cut-up magazines, colorful construction paper, stickers, markers, colored pencils, or crayons, glitter)