

# Gift wrapping ideas for kids

Looking for new ways to make the holidays even more special for kids? The following gift wrap suggestions - a far cry from traditional green and red "card store" wrappings - are guaranteed to please children of all ages.

Wrap a gift in white paper. Purchase a stamp with the child's name or nickname along with stamp pads in different colored inks. Stamp the name in a rainbow of color all over the package.

Replace store-bought bows with the new fashion rage - colorful or outrageous shoelaces. To make a shoelace bow, simply arrange laces in bow shape, knot as usual and secure with "Bow Biters" shoe fashion accessories.

Available in six character from cool to cute, the Bow Biter "bites" the knot and keeps laces tied all day long. Laces and Bow Biters make the wrapping a gift in itself.

Carefully cut glossy photos of popular rock stars, movie actors

and sports heroes from teen and sports magazines and use as wrapping paper. For larger gifts, use a poster of kids' idols.

For younger kids, cut out illustrations of their favorite action figures or cartoon characters, such as Snoopy or Garfield, from comic or coloring books and make enlarges photocopies. To extend the theme, top the gift with mini replicas of action figures and 'toon characters.

Look for favorite comic characters and wrap up a gift in the "funnies".

Draw a tree, angel or snowman on the front of a standard paper lunch bag. Cut out the shape and fill the bag with green or red tissue paper. Next, punch holes at the top of the bag with a hole punch. Thread glitter shoelaces through the holes, pull together, knot and secure with a Bow Biters character for added flair.

Wrap a gift in a map that pin-points the town where the child was born and circle it in red.

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## Play it safe driving on ice

**It's late at night on the highway in the dead of winter. You've been following the tail lights of the car in front for the past half-hour, using them as a beacon in the blowing snow. You switch your gaze to the rear-view mirror for a moment too long. Your tires hit a patch of black ice; you brake and start to skid toward a snow bank.**

It's a distressingly typical winter scene, but the majority of Canadians, all of whom consider themselves good drivers, don't know how to handle it. Skids usually end in disaster because drivers don't react fast enough and when they finally do, they choose the wrong action at the wrong time.

Your safe choice in this case is to release the brake, rather than stomp on it; take your foot

off the accelerator; and shift into neutral - fast - to stop the drive of the wheels against the brakes. Then, gently turn the steering wheel toward the direction you want the car to go.

If the car has already started to spin around and you've lost control, don't yank the steering wheel back. In this instance, your safe choice is to hit the brake pedal - but do it smoothly and gently. This will lock all four wheels and keep the car travelling in a straight line. Keep maximum pressure on the pedal until the car has come to a complete stop. Do not pump the brake pedal! It will extend your stopping distance.

When driving in icy conditions, normal braking should result in a fairly controlled stop when you're not in a skid. Press down on the brake pedal gently

but with maximum pressure. If the wheels start to lock and you're not in a skid, release the brake pedal slightly and re-apply gently. Again, don't pump your brakes.

Steering and braking at the same time are virtually impossible on a slippery road, so if you see it's best to turn the car, release the brake pedal. But remember that the car will then start moving in the direction the wheels are turned.

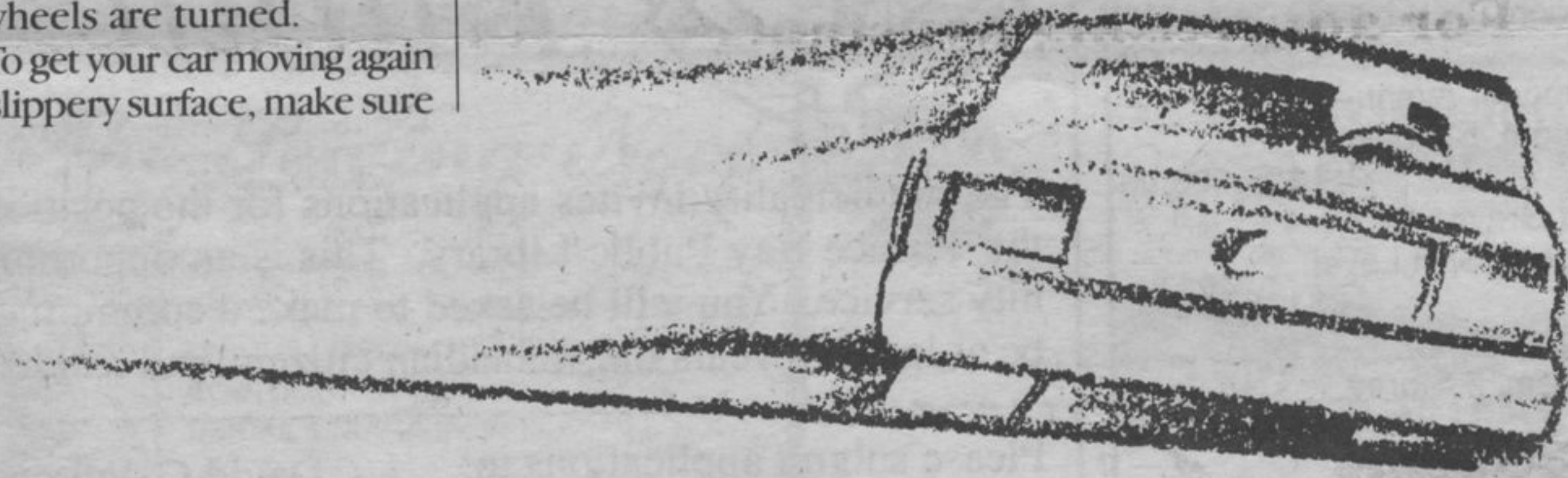
To get your car moving again on a slippery surface, make sure

the front wheels are straight; put the car in drive or low gear and push down gently on the gas pedal until the car just starts to move. If you accelerate too quickly the wheels will spin. When this happens, ease up on the gas pedal and start again, gently. If your tires still spin, rock the car back and forth lightly by moving the gears from forward to reverse and back again

several times, beginning with reverse.

**Uniroyal Tires and the National Auto League have teamed up this fall in a major promotion to urge you to "Play it Safe" while winter driving.**

*One in a series of articles providing tips on safe winter driving.*



# Ballard

Guess it's time again for another column. Sure has been a lot of grey days this past week. It would be nice to have a few days of bright sunlight, it would do a lot for those of us who like to go out for walks; well keep your hope high.

We had a "Movie" in our Rec Room on Monday. It was about the days of the early west, and you know in spite of all the hardships these people went through, some how I think life was better in those days, things were not so hectic. True with all the modern machinery we have to make work easy, one thinks it's better now but some times one (of my age) can't help but think how peaceful things were. I guess I'm taking a walk down memory lane.

I was able to go to the Bazaar at the Community Church last Saturday. There were so many lovely things to buy and folks seemed to be doing some of their Christmas shopping and the tea was delicious. these hard working ladies deserve a big hand and

Thanks.

On the 17th we had our monthly Birthday Party. Our Hostesses were the Ladies of the Moose Terrace Bay. After the coffee and cake we all enjoyed a "Penny Auction."

We only had one "Birthday Kid" this month. Felix Legault who was 84 years "young" November 4th. We all wish him a Happy Birthday and many more.

I hope you were all good citizens and voted, you know some folks don't agree but being able to vote for the person or party of your choice is some thing to be proud of. Just look at the many countries where one can't vote and some even get killed or badly hurt if they try. So thank the "Man Upstairs" we live in a free country where we have so many freedoms.

Until next time dear readers this "wee bit"

"Sign in a lost & found column of a newspaper,

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