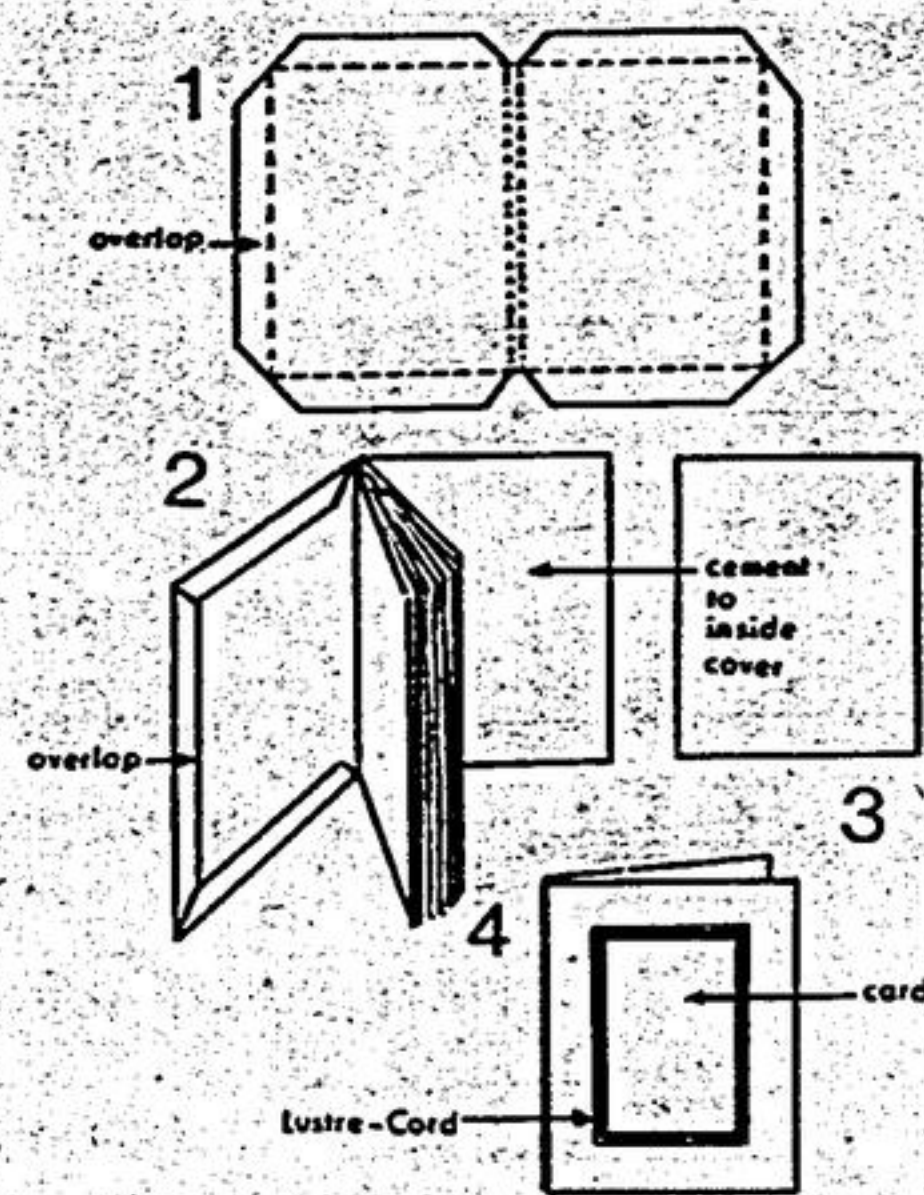


Christmas scrapbook

Here's a great idea for salvaging those used and left-over Christmas gift wraps. You may use a regular 3-ring loose-leaf notebook, or cut cardboard to any size you like, for the covers. If you make your covers, you can punch holes in them later and put covers and inside pages together with left-over Christmas ribbons (press them smooth first). Cover notebook or cardboard with gift

wrap paper. You can press used or left-over Christmas wrap paper smooth with an iron, set on very low heat. Measure notebook taking the height and width of front and back covers. Add 1" overlap to all four sides. Cut out of one piece of paper, or two if you use two pieces of cardboard. Notch the corners. Using rubber cement, or any household glue, glue paper to outside covers of notebook, centering between the notched corners. Then glue overlaps to inside of covers.

Measure exact dimensions of inside covers. Cut out one piece of gift wrap for each (this could be a



contrast pattern) and cement into place, covering overlaps.

Select a scene from a Christmas card and glue to the centre of front cover. Trim edges, if you like, with leftover ribbon, gold braid, or tape.

For inside pages use your imagination! Group the Christmas cards you want to save on the pages, and glue them to paper (construction paper would be good for this). Put in souvenirs of Christmas parties, and photos.

Ministry of Education seeks public opinion

YORK CTY. The York County Board of Education has been asked to invite Home and School associations, local municipal councils, teacher groups, professional organizations, other groups and individuals, to make submissions to the Ministry of Education's Committee on the Costs of Education.

The committee was set up by the Ontario Ministry of Education last year to undertake a comprehensive review of the costs of Education, including an evaluation of existing programs.

The committee would like information, comments and suggestions on such things as the use of the financial resources being provided for elementary and secondary education in Ontario, the ability of the legislative grants plan to generate funds in proper balance for

educational needs, the implications of ceilings on expenditures by local school boards, and various aspects of school programs with particular reference to innovations and new concepts, such as 'open plan' organization, technical and commercial programs and use of

educational technology.

Submissions to the Committee may be made either orally or in writing, by contacting Dr. J.R. McCarthy, Executive Director, Committee on the Costs of Education, Suite S-944, 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto 181.

Record crowds

A record 265,000 people visited Black Creek Pioneer Village, or used the area for wintertime activities, during the past year. This was an increase of more than 17,000 from the previous year.

This total includes 67,700 school children who take part in educational tours of the village from April to November, but does not include another 10,900 children who participated in the Pioneer Life program. Although the village buildings are now closed to visitors until next spring, there is still plenty of wintertime activity in the village.

One of the highlights when snow is on the ground is the sleigh rides on weekends which provide an old-time delight for both young and old as they ride through the village on a horse drawn sleigh. Starting in January will also be skiing for children and beginners, sledding and tobogganing on the

small hills, and ice skating on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Half Way House dining room is open during the winter week - days and weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for luncheon and afternoon tea. The dining room will be closed Christmas and New Years days.

The children's Pioneer Life program also continues during the winter, with the exception of the Christmas holidays. In this program the children become involved in carrying out the tasks of the pioneers.

Black Creek Pioneer Village is administered by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and is located at Jane St. and Steeles Ave. For more information about winter activities at the village, call 630-9780.

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