

Does your office have a shredding machine? Run Mylar tissue, old Christmas wrappings or any kind of colorful paper through for festival packing material.

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Other tips from the Postal Service:

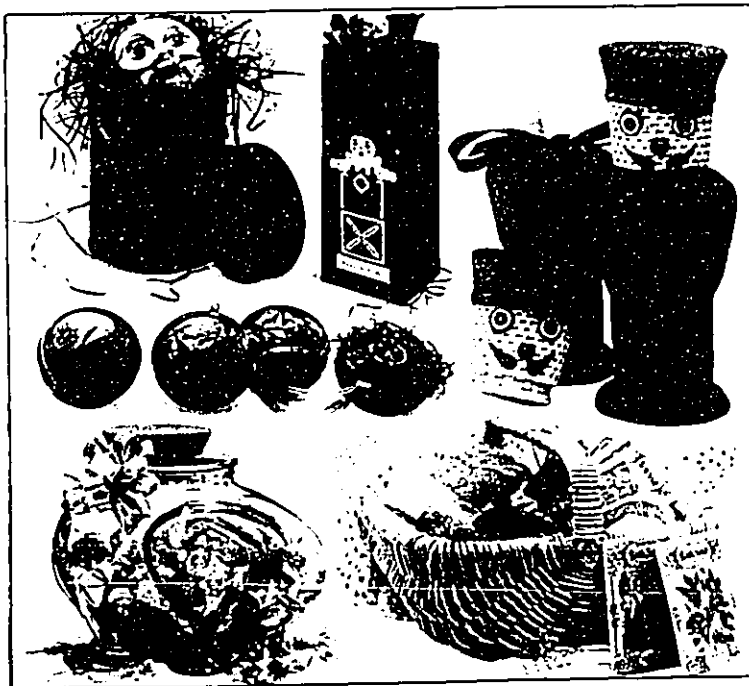
All packages should be cushioned within a larger mailing container, which is then wrapped in heavy brown paper. Colorful tissue paper or shredded mylar can provide interesting cushioning.

Packages should be sealed with filament-reinforced tape rather than twine, which can get caught in mail processing equipment. Stationers and post offices carry this tape.

Markings should be written in indelible ink, large and clear enough to be read from arm's length. This doesn't mean the indelible ink can't be neon pink or red and green.

American Greetings last year introduced the Mailing Center, a line of packing and mailing items marketed through stationers and gift shops.

You've taken the time to wrap the gift gorgeously; it would be nice if the recipient got it that way!



Look for creative wrapping ideas and materials, such as gift bags, cookie tins, baskets and jars. Shown here are some gift-wrapping materials from Pier 1 Imports.

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