

Something Short 'n Sweet For A Holiday Treat

With a little candy and imagination, wrapping this year's Christmas gifts can be an artistic triumph and provide that all - important personal touch.

By using a variety of brightly - colored Christmas candies, both hard and soft kinds, decorations on gifts can be tasteful and tasty at the same time. Solid - colored wrapping papers and foils are best to set off the candy decorations. A little tape and glue will also be needed.

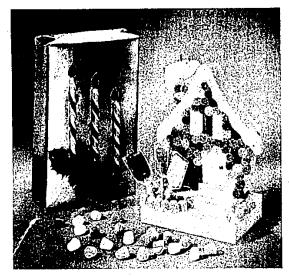
Perhaps the best candy piece to use is the red and white candy cane, one of the most traditional symbols of the Christmas season. Some say an old superstition of the Middle Ages led to the current popularity of the candy cane, when Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with colored candies to ward off evil witches.

Canes can be used in simple designs, such as in the triple candle effect decorated with holly or ivy pictured above next to the gumdrop house centerpiece.

A more detailed use of the candy can be made as in the frame of the house in the lower picture. Segments of bar candy make the windows, the wreath on the door is a wafer, the knob a chocolate drop and the chimney a lolli-

In the same picture, the package in the foreground is made up of nosegays of gumdrops. Different colors and sizes rest inside ribbon bows. Fine wire, tape, pins or glue can be used for attaching.

There's no limit to the number of candy possibilities for the holiday season. Sleighs can be made by mounting a small box on two large candy canes, securely tied down with ribbon around the candy and the package. The sleigh itself can be filled with a chocolate Santa and an assortment of colorful candies in a bag of goodies. Two reindeer cutouts can be attached, making this package a centerpiece as well as a clever decoration.



Pre-tied bows used so frequently and handily at Christmastime can be made unique with gaily wrapped candies attached to the loops or ends of the ribbon.

Gift-giving this Christmas can really enhance your reputation for originality if you use your creativity on candy - wrapped packages. Your presents will be meaningful both inside and out.



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