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### Fruitful Wrapping Decorations

*Create your own artistic giftwrap design with fruit to save time and money and reduce holiday waste.*

**Materials:** firm citrus (or produce with distinctive lines and texture), acrylic paint, paper bag, tape, glue. Optional decorations: dried lemons, cinnamon sticks, grass

#### Instructions:

1. Cut a paper bag down the side seam and around the bottom of bag to end up with a flat piece of paper. Remove any handles from bag. Use the bottom of the bag later in step 4 to test your stamp.
2. Cut fresh lemon in half. Use paint brush to add a thin layer of paint to the cut portion of the lemon.
3. Use painted lemon to stamp paper. Press gently, lift up. Try it out on the extra bottom piece of bag to see if you need more or less paint. When you have the desired look, move on to your paper canvas. Continue adding stamps to make a pattern. Allow paper to dry.
4. Wrap gift and add accessories. We used a glue gun to glue on dried lemons, a cinnamon stick and a stem of grass.
5. To dry citrus: Thinly slice lemon 1/8" to 1/4" thick and place on a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake for 4-5 hours in a low oven (170 F). Once fully dried you can store them in sealed mason jar and they should last for months. Add a lemon slice and a stick of cinnamon to your tea for a flavorful twist!

