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Liven Up a Reusable Gift Bag

Decorating a reusable paper bag with items from nature is an inexpensive way to liven up a bag for gift giving. Gather items from your yard or cuttings from your Christmas tree to easily create a festive gift bag and reduce holiday wrapping waste.

Materials: paper bag, cuttings from tree, items from nature (we used seed balls from the Sweet Gum Tree common in our area, but you could use acorns, cranberries, dried lemon slices, etc.), tempura paint and brush, glue, old Christmas card, string, fabric for bow, scissors

Instructions:

1. Paint decorations and let dry.
2. Cut a strip of fabric at least 20" long x 1" wide for bow. Tie into a bow around your tree cutting and straighten. Trim bow tassels.
3. Glue painted balls/decorations onto tree cutting and glue tree cutting onto bag.
4. Create name card from old Christmas card and poke hole in top. Add string and tie onto bag.

