

# A Wild Explorer Club Christmas!



Christmas is a time of year to celebrate with those we care about, but it's a shame if some of those Christmas treats come wrapped in excess plastic, or contain things that are harmful to fellow species and the planet.



2020 has given many people an opportunity to take stock and think about what is really important. Lots of people have realized how important the natural world is to their own happiness and health, so this Christmas why not start some new family traditions and help give the planet, as well as your loved ones, some great gifts that care?!

We know our members of the Wild Explorer Club care just as much about other species as we do, so will your family be taking up the challenge of a Wild Explorer Club Christmas?

The Christmas countdown has begun!



## Tip no. 1 – Beat the rush and make homemade gifts & Christmas cards now!

- **Photo gifts** of what you've been getting up to might be perfect for loved ones you haven't managed to spend as much time with this year. If you're handy with tools, you could even make a frame for photos to go in!
- **Homemade yummy treats** like fudge, truffles and biscuits always go down well, especially in a nice jar or pretty repurposed tin.
- Do you have a skill or **something you enjoy doing that you can turn into gifts?** Knitting? Drawing? Painting? Making a book of your best jokes?
- **Check out the internet** for some great homemade gift ideas - like mugs or ceramic coasters decorated with permanent pens.....or a painted pot with some bulbs planted in it.....there are ideas for everyone!



Don't forget to save this year's Christmas cards to make new handmade ones out of next year!



## Tip no. 2 – Buy less stuff!

- Most of us already have too much stuff cluttering up our houses, so think about **giving experiences instead**. In these busy times, perhaps what your loved ones would really like as a gift is an experience shared with you!
- Try some of these ideas:
  - A day out somewhere special
  - A homemade voucher for time spent completing a special project
  - Treat them to a home spa day, or spoil them with a day doing all their favourite things

- Seed packets or a tree to plant and look after together
- Lessons for a hobby



### Tip no. 3 – Give pre-loved second-hand gifts



### Tip no. 4 – Look for sustainability logos if buying new



Look for the **Rainforest Alliance** logo on tropical fruits and juices, tea, coffee, chocolate and cut flowers.



Look for the **RSPO** logo or check websites for manufacturers or supermarkets using sustainable palm oil in their own brands.



Look for the **FSC** logo on wood paper and card products.

If you're having trouble finding your favourite Christmas treats and gifts made with sustainable ingredients, let the manufacturer or shop know that it's important to you and they lost your business because of it. If enough of us do this it should help them change their ways, as they realize how important it is to their customers!



### Tip no.5 - Wrapping gifts

- Use **recycled and recyclable paper** to wrap gifts (not shiny, metallic or glittery)
- **Reuse** last year's gift bags or saved paper
- Pretty fabric or fabric bags look great and can be reused – you might even get it back wrapped around your present next year!
- Buy plain **recycled** paper and make your own unique wrapping paper! If you use pencils or vegetable ink it can even go in the home compost heap after!

We all have the power - consumer power! But use it wisely. Remember... *With great power, comes great responsibility!*

What we do affects animals and ecosystems all over the world.

*Happy Gifting!*

