

## A Reuse Holiday Season

When it comes to the holidays and reuse, there are many ideas that come to mind. The Reuse Centre is a great place to start if you are looking for craft supplies for the holiday season or just shopping for decorations and wrapping paper. The Reuse Centre you may ask, what is that?



The Reuse Centre accepts various items from Edmonton residents free of charge and makes them available to organizations and individuals for reuse. The Centre is unique as it deals with items that are not accepted for reuse elsewhere. Items accepted include arts and crafts supplies, office and school supplies, paper and plastic products and much more. The goal of the Reuse Centre is to promote the idea and benefits of reuse and ultimately to divert waste from landfill. The Centre is operated by the City of Edmonton Waste Management Services.

So what kind of holiday items can you find at the Reuse Centre? You can find everything from decorations, to cards to the star for the top of your tree. Other items you can find include wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags, decorations galore, bows, ribbon, artificial trees, and gifts.

Maybe you just want to curl up and read a book by the fireplace when the snow is swirling outside. Stock up on books, movies and music for the holidays at the Reuse Centre too.



If you are the creative type, the Reuse Centre offers a variety of supplies for all your holiday crafts. There is paper, crayons, glue, paints, fabric, yarn and much more in stock year round. The Centre carries over 200 items, so you are sure to find what you need.

Here are a few creative projects you can make for the holiday season.

- Make a snowflake out of six pack holders
- Make your own cards and gift tags from old Christmas cards and construction paper
- Use fun items like fabric or wallpaper to wrap gifts
- Make envelopes out of calendar pages
- Make a holiday collage out of magazines
- Make ornaments for the tree out of keys, clothespins or corks
- Decorate a frame with holiday motifs
- Decorate shoeboxes with Christmas wrap and put fun gifts in them
- Make an advent calendar out of egg cartons
- Build wooden decorations out of wood pieces and paint them



There really are many ideas for crafts. Come and visit the Reuse Centre to get inspiration for all your holiday projects. Happy holidays and happy reusing everyone!

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