



## SPECIAL CELEBRATION

This year the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah will take place from December 14 to 22.



# Make gift envelopes for Hanukkah

## What you'll need

- 8 colorful envelopes (like small "coin" envelopes)
- Markers, washi tape, stickers, or rubber stamps and ink pads
- Small gifts like candy, chocolate coins, stickers, gift cards, mini toys, key chains, lip balm, or a thoughtful note or photo
- Optional: ribbon and small clothespins (for hanging)

## Instructions

1. Write or stamp the envelopes with numbers 1 through 8 for the eight nights of Hanukkah.
2. Decorate the envelopes: Cut washi tape to make dreidels, menorahs, or other designs. For a dreidel, cut a piece 2 inches long, then cut one end into a triangle. Press it to the envelope and add a short, thin piece of tape at the top for the handle. For a menorah, place a wide tape strip in the center of an envelope. Add two strips for an upside-down T base. Use eight short pieces and one taller piece

as candles. Snip nine diamond-shaped pieces of yellow tape for flames (or draw on with markers).

3. With a family member's help, fill the envelopes with small gifts, treats, or notes. Close the envelopes with a piece of washi tape.
4. Optional: Make a garland by hanging a ribbon across a wall, shelf, or doorway. Use clothespins to clip on the envelopes in order from 1 to 8.
5. Open an envelope on each night of Hanukkah, or give them to someone you care about.



## ECO TIP OF THE WEEK

## WRAP PRESENTS IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY

During the holiday season, most paper used to wrap presents gets thrown away. This can be harmful to the environment because the gift wrap and ribbons take up space in a landfill. There are ways you can wrap presents nicely while still being mindful of the environment, however. One option is to wrap items in brown kraft paper. This paper can be recycled or composted, which makes it a more environmentally friendly option. You can also tie up presents in ribbon made from recycled paper or natural fibers, like raffia twine. Another eco-friendly option is to reuse gift bags and boxes from one year to the next.

