

SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Less waste, more fun, better memories

GIVE MEMORIES

Giving the 'gift of time' at Christmas means spending less, wasting less and investing in relationships. In the build-up to Christmas, plan what fun activities your child would like to do with their favourite grown-ups and friends in 2022. Write them down on star-shaped Christmas card cut-outs and hang them up to look forward to. They don't need to cost money – the [Big Dreams Little Footprints](#) website has plenty of ideas for what to do, make and learn together.

MAKE SOMETHING

Putting time into a simple homemade present will also be valued and appreciated. Focus on using only natural, edible or repurposed waste materials to make something consumable or decorative. See Instagram and Pinterest for ideas. You could also channel your child's talents and interests to create something unique like a story, a plant grown from seed, a digital performance.

BUY SECOND HAND

Supporting the second hand market keeps things out of landfill, avoids the emissions and pollution that accompanies the manufacture, packaging and transport of brand new items, and helps out individual sellers and charities. The biggest online markets for buying second hand are [Ebay](#), [Facebook Marketplace](#) and [Gumtree](#). But there are plenty of others. For toys/games see [Preloved](#), [Vinted](#), [Shpock](#), [Oxfam](#), [Secondwov](#). For children's clothes see [Preloved](#) (adults too), [Vinted](#) (adults too), [I Second That](#) (adults too), [Katie's Kids Clothes](#), [Lovely Little Preloved](#), [Peg Baby Clothes](#), [Sweet Pea](#), [Kidclo](#), [Manifesto Woman](#) (adults too), [Aylsham Kids](#), [Build a Bundle](#), [Little Pickles Markets](#) and [Treated with Love](#) (designer). For books see [World of Books](#), [Music Magpie](#), [Just Books](#) and [Abe Books](#).

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Happy Christmas!

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