



GREEN HOLIDAYS



1. Make your own wrapping from old newsprint, recycled wrapping, reused gift bags or old clothing. Or make reusable gift bags from fabric scraps.
2. Make handmade gifts, such as soy candles scented with essential oils, (even better, use recycled glass jars).
3. Mount pressed flowers onto cardstock for homemade cards.
4. Give home-baked goods wrapped in hand-embroidered upcycled cloth.
5. Make wind chimes from driftwood and seashells.
6. Make a collage of photos of you and your loved ones, use a mix-media colored waxed finishing pastes and frame it with an old frame from a thrift shop, viola!
7. Find a unique jar, mug, cup, bowl and fill it with a succulent or herb.
8. Consider volunteering for or donating something to a local charity. We are often pressured to think that giving a gift is a necessary part of the holiday season.
9. If you have knitting or sewing skills, give a handmade gift that will mean so much to the person receiving it.
10. Spend time instead of money. Watch a sunset (they are particularly beautiful this time of year in the Southland) or cook a meal together (just be sure to compost those leftovers!). Or give a "gift certificate" for a chore or outing.

