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## TIME



## THE RONRICO GIF-WRAPPING GUIDE

How to go from Inept to Ept in a matter of minutes. And enjoy yourself along the way
'Tis the Night before C-Day. A 75' roll of sticky tape (solid,

You picked up that 3-foot ceramic elephant your wife bright colors preferred). lusts after just as the store $\begin{gathered}\text { A ball of thick, colored yarn } \\ \text { (all you can steal from your }\end{gathered}$ closed. Ditto, junior's Giant $\quad$ wife's knitting bag). | Dirt Mover. And your daugh- |
| :--- | :--- |
| ter's new life-size Dolly Dim- | Box of colored felt-tip markers ter's new (from kids' toy chest. It's

O.K. now, they're asleep.).
ple Doll.
the furnaceu're squashed in
O.K. now, they're asleep.).
the furnace room at 10 P.M. Open up bags by cutting and nothing to put them in. toms. Tape flattened bass to


Your 11th Hour Necessity List.
$\square$ Grocery Bags.
$\square$ Foreign Newspapers
(Oriental ones make the
$\square$ Those old striped neckti
that are too skinny now.
For bows.
$\square$ Your wife's hair rollers (the to build the bows around
$\square$ Plastic Flowers.
$\square$ Those psychedelic posters
you gave your son and
have been trying to have been trying to get
rid of ever since.
he Grocery Bag Gambit
Let tomorrow's garbage fend
for itself. Now's when you

## need the

Elephant-wrapping made easy
Grocery bags (the big ones-
all you can dig up)
gether (until elephant-sized). Fold around elephant and secure with small pieces of transparent tape. Tie with own-version of with yourtrees or angels (the yule primitive the better). See example.


Now call your wife down

- you need a friendly finger to help with the other knotty problems. And you both could use a little warm holiday cheer for the oversized evening ahead in that unheated basement. What to drink while wrapping.
Something warm and human and easy to keep you company wherever you're hiding

Hot Buttered Rum Dissolve 1 tsp. sugar with hot wa
in mug
Add $11 / 2$ Add 11/2 Rz. Ronri A pinch of nutmeg
Fill muy with boiling water
Top with a pat of butter Top with a pat of butt
Add cinnamon stick


Or, for early dawn, when Or, for early dawn, when
you're spreading your goodies under the tree....
The Ronrico Reindeer $11 / 2$ oz. Ronrico White or Gold
drops vanila A props vaniliaa
A dash of nutmeg
Angostura A dash of
$\begin{aligned} & \text { cup mik } \\ & 2 \text { tsp. sugar }\end{aligned}$
Ssp. sugar
Shake well with ice, pour into tall
glass and drink a toast
 instance. "Salud, dinero yomort'"
oraghly ranslated, "Heres mud on
oour eye". Which considering the ondition of the consmendering the
ably makes a lot of sense.
What to rap about while wrapping.
Start with gratitude.

1. You managed to miss "The Little Drummer Boy Boy" for
the fifther time in 5 yer the fifth time in 5 years. you Skurniks didn't send you that terrible ten-pound
fruit cake for a change. And it hasn't snowed, it hasn't snowed.
What not to rap about.
In-laws, of course
The fact the turkey's still half-frozen.
The fact you forgot the eggs for the egg nog.
of ready-made the carton


Eggless Egg Nog
1 large package vanilla 2 arge package vanilla
Quarts milk
Fifth Ronico
 1 tsp. grated nutmeg Prepare pudding as directec
but instead of letting it se
tinue cooking as you slowly tinue cooking as you slowly
extra mikn. Stir in notmeg
mixture is still over fire. Allo

 tectably easy nog.
One gift you don't have to rap.
Unless the spirit moves you $o$ add a bow. Here it is. The only rum that dressed for the But we have our reason-a beautiful solution to that lastminute Top Priority Gift List
of yours: of yours:
The 90-year-ol
Your tax man.
Your tax m.
The Building Inspector The Little League umpire. Your wife's shrink.
What, we should have mentioned our lovely Wrap-Up a little earlier?
Rejoice, it's all behind you -under the tree. Now you other whole year.


Ronrico.
The bright taste in rum


