

Christmas Gift Wrap Relay Without the Rush

4-16 players | About 20 minutes | Ages 8+

PRINT & PREPARE

Print one role-card set per team and one judging checklist. Print single-sided on US Letter at 100% (actual size). For A4, choose Fit. Cut only pages labeled cut-out cards; dotted borders are cutting guides. Adults handle cutting.

GATHER

Empty cardboard boxes, Gift wrap, Tape, Ribbon.

SET UP

Make two equal supply stations with one empty box, paper, and tape per team. Precut paper to a workable size. Keep scissors at a separate adult-run station if extra cutting is needed.

HOW TO PLAY

1. The first teammate folds paper around the box for 30 seconds, then steps back.
2. The second teammate tapes for 30 seconds. The next folds the ends, and the next finishes the package. For smaller teams, cycle through again.
3. Give each team the same four turns. When time ends, judge using a visible checklist: box covered, ends closed, tape holds, and ribbon attached.
4. Award one point for each completed checklist item. A tie is a tie; open the boxes afterward and reuse them.

ADAPT IT

For pairs, have each person take two turns. For a noncompetitive version, work together to wrap donation gifts only after practicing on empty boxes.

HOST NOTE

Use empty boxes so nobody's real gift is damaged. The relay is about taking turns, not running.

Relay role cards

Cut one set for each team. Each turn lasts 30 seconds.

CHRISTMAS

01

Turn one: fold

CHRISTMAS

02

Turn two: secure

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03

**Turn three: close the
ends**

CHRISTMAS

04

Turn four: finish

CHRISTMAS

05

Turn one: fold

CHRISTMAS

06

Turn two: secure

CHRISTMAS

07

**Turn three: close the
ends**

CHRISTMAS

08

Turn four: finish

Gift-wrap judging checklist

One point for each completed item. Judge both teams by the same checklist.

Team	Box covered	Ends closed	Tape holds	Ribbon on	Total