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ECO-FRIENDLY FESTIVE GUIDE





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CELEBRATE WITH PURPOSE

This festive season, make a difference with eco-friendly gifts and traditions that honour the planet.

Discover 21 inspiring ideas for a joyful and sustainable holiday!



GIFTS

1 Experiences Over Things

Gift your loved ones tickets to events, memberships to local organisations, or a donation in their name to causes like Greenpeace.

2 Upcycled & Handmade

Support local artisans who create unique, handmade gifts from upcycled or recycled materials or check out local Christmas markets.

3 E-cards & Online Messages

Skip paper cards altogether and send e-cards or videos to loved ones, or design your own to share digitally.

4 Zero-Waste Gift Wrapping

Skip the plastic tape and wrapping paper, use old newspapers, fabric wraps (like furoshiki), or reusable bags to wrap your gifts beautifully.

5 Homemade Preserves

Try your hand at making your friends and family jars of chutney, jam, or even plant-based goodies like homemade granola or nut butters.

6 Secondhand Treasures

Consider thrifting! High-quality secondhand items can be a wonderful and sustainable surprise.

7 The Gift of Nature

If you love sending physical cards, choose those made from plantable seed paper, or better yet, adopt a tree or create a pollinator garden kit as a symbolic gift that gives back to nature.



DECORATIONS

8 Sustainable Tree Alternative

Choose a potted native Australian or Pacific plant that'll keep growing all year, bringing a touch of greenery to your home well beyond the holidays.

9 Creative Tree Options

Try crafting your own "tree" from driftwood, branches, or create a stylish festive feature out of a ladder. It's creative and reusable for future years!

10 Natural Elements

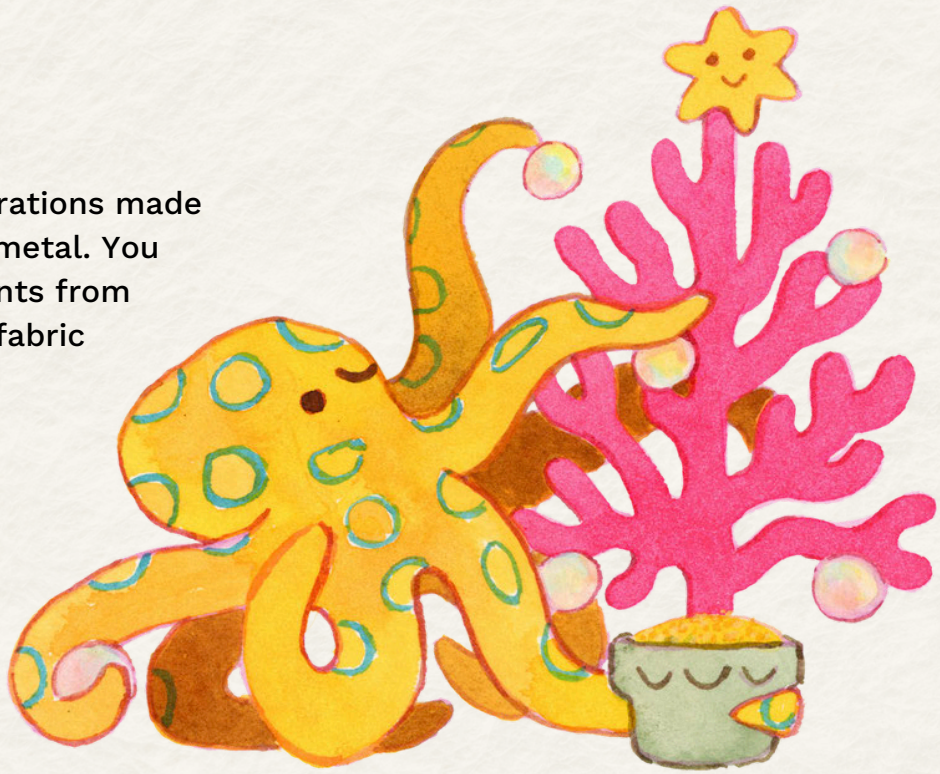
Use foraged materials like eucalyptus leaves, pinecones, seashells, or driftwood to create beautiful, biodegradable decorations. You can make wreaths, garlands, and ornaments from what you find.

11 LED Lighting

Opt for energy-efficient LED fairy lights or solar-powered string lights to cut down on energy use.

12 Avoid Plastic

Choose reusable decorations made from wood, fabric, or metal. You can also craft ornaments from recycled paper or old fabric scraps.



FOOD & DRINK



13 Plant-based Delights

Embrace delicious plant-based meals. Think of a Christmas spread with dishes like stuffed roasted veggies, lentil loaves, vegan pavlovas, or plant-based burgers on the BBQ. Plenty of resources online can help you create amazing festive menus that are kind to animals and the planet.

14 Make the Most of Leftovers

Instead of tossing out uneaten food, get creative by transforming leftovers into delicious meals and snacks. It's a great way to save money and reduce food waste!

15 Local & Seasonal Produce

Buy local and seasonal fruits and veggies to minimise your carbon footprint. In Australia and the Pacific, summer fruits like mangoes, cherries, and berries can make great desserts or snacks.

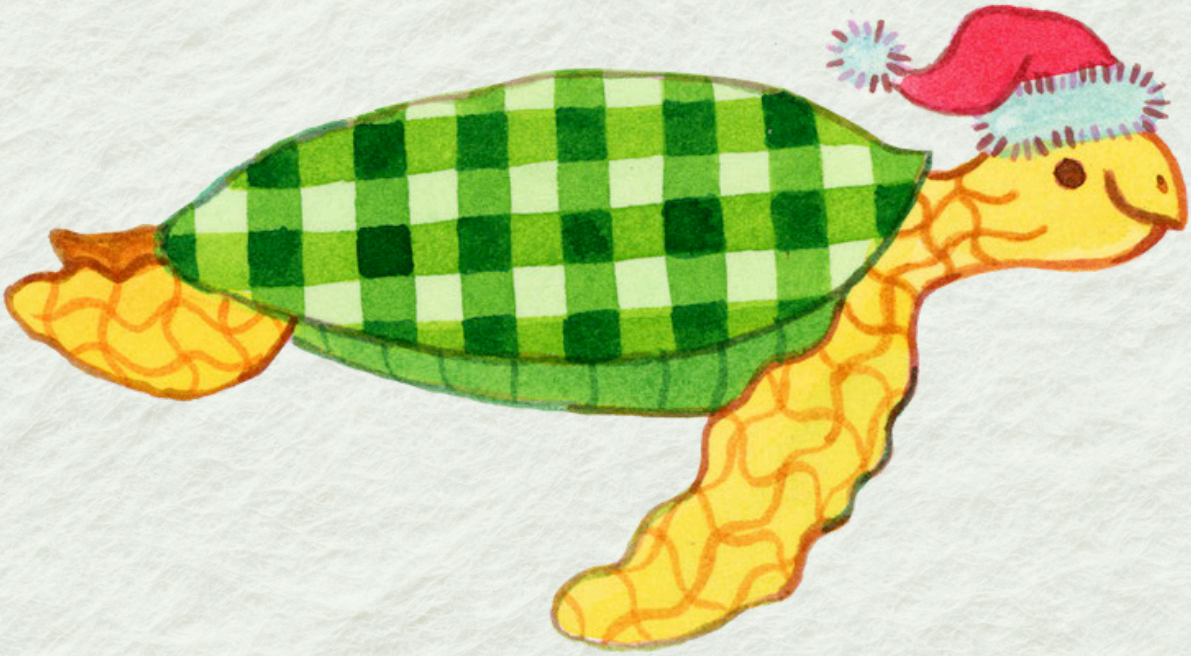
16 Avoid Single-use Plastics

Serve food in reusable containers and opt for cloth napkins and plates rather than disposable ones.

17 Sustainable Wines & Beers

Choose organic or biodynamic drinks from local brewers and winemakers who have environmental certifications.

TRADITIONS



18 Beach Clean-ups with Friends

Make a difference while celebrating! Organise a Christmas Eve or Boxing Day clean-up at your local beach or, if you're inland, a park or neighbourhood. Every bit of rubbish collected helps protect our planet!

19 Outdoor Festivities

Enjoy the summer season by hosting eco-friendly BBQs or picnics! Whether at the beach or park, be sure to pack reusable items and leave the area as pristine as you found it, let's celebrate without harming nature.

20 Donate to a Cause

Instead of spending on excessive gifts, why not inspire your loved ones to make a difference by donating to Greenpeace or other organisations fighting to protect our planet and oceans?

21 Volunteer Together

Set aside time with family or friends to volunteer for a local environmental cause. Many organisations need extra help during the holiday season. Check out our Greenpeace volunteer page here!

Make your gift extra special with the gift tags on the next page!

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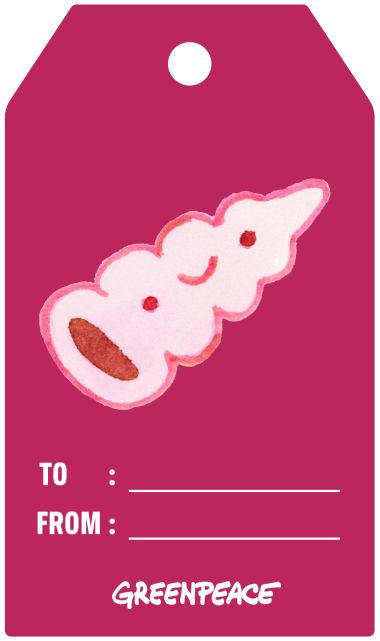
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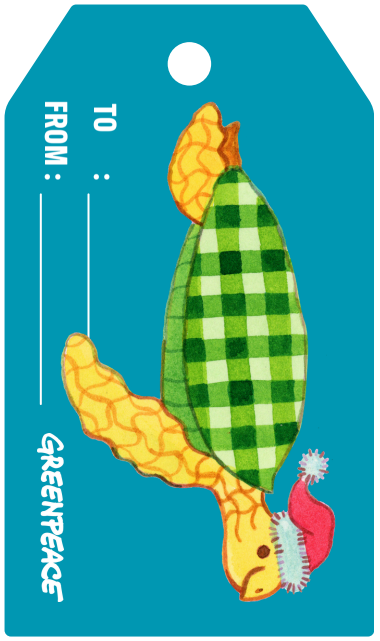
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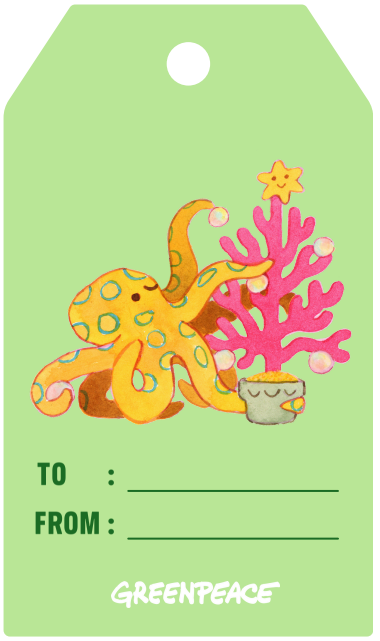
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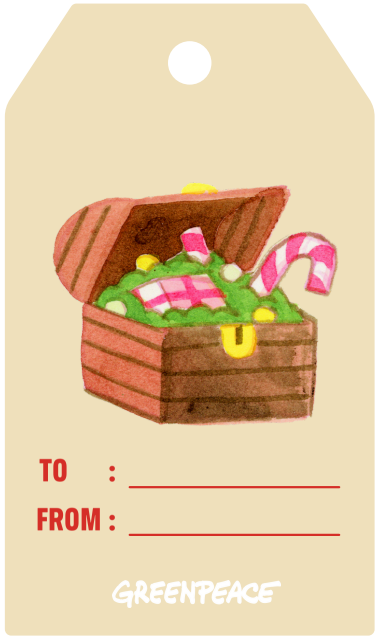
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Wishing you and your loved ones happy holidays from all of us!

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