**Scallywag's Sustainable Christmas Tips!**

**Buy a potted tree**
You'll enjoy the greenery long after Christmas has ended by buying a tree with its root ball attached. And, if you look after it like Brian in *The After Christmas Tree*, you'll be able to bring it back inside to decorate next Christmas!

**Use recyclable wrapping paper**
Look for cards and wrapping paper made from recycled or FSC-certified paper - plain kraft paper is a great option and can be decorated easily for a more personal touch! Tie presents with string or organic ribbon to avoid plastic sellotape and so you can re-use the paper again next year!

**Make your own decorations!**
Rather than buying decorations - many of which are plastic - try collecting pine cones and combine with LED lights for a magical effect. Visit the Scallywag Press website to find out how you can turn pine cones into decorations for the birds - and learn from Rob Ramsden how to create festive paper chains!

**Make your own Christmas cards**
From drawing your own Christmas scene, to getting crafty with buttons or stamps, making your own card means avoiding plastic packaging and non-recyclable material like glitter, while adding a personal touch! Need inspiration? Head to the Scallywag Press website to download, print and colour in our *Little Santa* cards!

**Shop locally**
Support your local independent shops to find unusual and thoughtful gifts. We particularly recommend visiting your local bookshop - after all, there's a book for everyone!

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**The After Christmas Tree**
by Bethan Welby

**Little Santa**
by Jon Agee

**The Night Before Christmas**
illus. by Roger Duvoisin