

**CONSCIOUS CELEBRATION, WARM-HEARTED DESIGN:**

# Christmas for the Future

**With some rethinking, creativity and love, Christmas can have a lasting impact with a few simple tips from Dresö.**

## **Environment-Friendly Gift Wrappings**

Do we really need coated glossy gift wrappings which are thrown away after the gift is unwrapped? There are other options which can even be more attractive. Scraps of fabric, old newspapers or brown wrapping paper are sustainable alternatives which will be sure to offer variety under the Christmas tree. Do you want to tie an attractive bow or ribbon around the gift? Why not use natural materials such as jute string or dried leaves to create a special highlight?

A gift to bring double joy – it is a great idea to make your gift more valuable by combining it with a contribution to a good cause. For example with a donation or a gift to a local charity. This will give your gift an even deeper meaning.

## **Natural Decorations**

Natural materials are true all-round talents. They are not only ideal for gift wrappings – they can also be a real eye-catcher as Christmas decorations. Pine cones, dried orange slices and straw stars can create a cozy Christmas atmosphere in the home. Collecting the materials and making decorations together is an ideal pastime in the period before Christmas. And the decorations not only look like Christmas, they smell like Christmas too.

## **The Christmas Tree**

Another idea is to create an innovative solution which probably nobody else will have in their living room. Perhaps you could make a tree of wood, branches or even a stack of books – there are no limits for your creativity! But if you must have a classical Christmas tree, it could at least have ecological certification. It is even better for the environment if you use a Christmas tree in a pot which you can plant in your own garden after the festive season.

Together we can make Christmas into a festival with a lasting effect – in our hearts and in nature.