

## Ask Beth

Dear Beth:

I love to have visitors at our Summer place, but I loathe and detest wrapping up and mailing the things they leave behind. And they always leave something behind. Tooth brushes aren't so bad, but did you ever try to wrap a bicycle pump, or a good set of deer antlers? I'm fit to be tied!

Joan, Lynn

Dear Joan:

*I couldn't agree with you more! The article that topped our list of left-behinds was a black cocker spaniel. So we kept the pup, and lost our friends. This is the sad truth—if you want the guests, you'll have to be resigned to running to the post-office as soon as they leave. My solution is to keep a well stocked closet of paper, string, tape, labels and boxes, with scissors chained to the door. Another tip—try mailing small things in heavy manilla envelopes.*