

# Recycled Creations



## Supplies:

- Interesting bits from the recycling bin: bottles/bottle caps, containers, interesting packaging materials, straws, magazines, etc.
- Hot glue gun (other strong glue may work, but will have a longer dry time)
- Duct tape (or masking tape, though it doesn't always hold well)
- Optional: scissors, markers, paint

## Instructions:

1. Collect interesting containers and packaging materials from the recycling bin. This lesson is all about reusing what you already have on hand and reducing our impact on the environment!
2. Let the shapes of things inspire you to make something up, whether a sculpture or perhaps gluing objects to a piece of paper or cardboard for a picture. Magazines are great sources of imagery and color that can be ripped or cut up and adhered with a glue stick.
3. Hot glue guns work well for assembling a variety of materials, but if you don't have access to a hot glue gun, other glues and tape may work; just be patient and think about reinforcing areas that may need it. Have an adult supervise!
4. When complete, you can decorate it either with tape, paint or markers if desired.

## Inspiration:

- Is it an animal? A vehicle? A scene of some sort?
- Could you make something from multiples of the same type of item (ex. Bread bag ties, discarded flip-flops, plastic bags, etc.)?
- Can you use the art to tell a specific message about the environment?
- Check out the images on the following pages for more inspiration or do an image search for "recycled art"!



This giant octopus is made entirely of woven plastic bags and other “disposable” items. It is about 13 feet (4 meters) around! Made by Australian artist Jacq Chorlton in 2010.





This giant fish is made from just some of trash that washes ashore from our oceans EACH DAY!