







It's Not Trash, It's Art!

Our waterways are filled with trash. We can do many things to keep trash out of our creeks, streams, and rivers. You can help by disposing of trash properly, cleaning up trash you see on the ground, and creating less trash to begin with. Recycling is one great way to reduce our amount of trash created, as is reusing items that would otherwise be recycled or thrown away.

For this activity, you will get creative and reuse clean items that were headed for the bin. Do not buy anything new for these activities. Buying new things creates more waste. We want to create less waste; therefore, use what you already have at home. Below are a few ideas, but there are thousands of things you can make. Get creative and make something awesome!

<p>Cardboard tubes make great holders for markers, kitchen utensils, or Legos.</p> 	<p>Use an old t-shirt to make a reusable tote bag. Cut off the sleeves and neck. Turn the shirt inside out, cut all the way around the bottom into 1in strips then tie them together. Flip it the right way and you have a bag!</p>  	<p>Use a plastic bottle to make a calm down jar: Put water, biodegradable glitter, dish soap, and nontoxic clear glue in the bottle. Amounts will vary depending on the size of your jar, you can add other things to your calm down jar as well.</p>  <p>*Regular glitter is very bad for our waterways. NEVER dump glitter into a drain or storm drain. Use a filter to remove glitter.</p>	<p>Use an old shoebox to make a closet or locker for a doll.</p> 	<p>Newspaper makes a cool background for new artwork. Glue it onto a piece of cardboard afterward to keep it looking nice.</p> 
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