

Making Recycling fun!

We held a recycling fun day, and these are the things that the children made.

Tracksuit Pants Bag

Making cut-off shorts out of an old pair of jeans? Save the legs to make a trendy purse. Anna from Kings Park, NY made this purse with some help from her mom and grandma.

Supplies

Old Jeans or Tracksuit pants
Needle and Thread or Sewing Machine
Applique or Trim (optional)
Scissors
Sequene or beads to decorate

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Instructions

Cut the legs off an old pair of jeans or tracksuit pants. Cut the hem off the legs. You'll use one leg for the purse and the other leg for the strap and decoration. Sew across the bottom, about 1" from the edge. Snip up to the sewing line every 1/4" to make a decorative frayed edge along the bottom of the purse. Snip along the top in the same way.

Cut half the other leg into nine 3/4" strips. Tie the ends of the strips together so you have three strips of three tied together. Braid. Stitch the braid ends to the purse.

To decorate, cut out two heart shapes in the remaining denim. Stitch to purse leaving raw edges to fray. Stitch on an applique between the two hearts.

This craft is reprinted courtesy of [Terri of MakingFriends.com](#).



Super Scoops

This artistic project helps tame clutter instead of adding to it
by Deborah Way from [FamilyFun Magazine](#)

These decoupaged milk jugs are great for transporting toys, dumping them on the ground, and scooping them up again when playtime is done. Make a waterproof version by cutting drainage holes in the bottom and decorating the jug with permanent markers; it's perfect for skimming toys from the bathtub.

Materials

- Craft knife (parents only) or scissors
- Gallon jug
- Colored tissue paper
- 2 1/2-inch-wide can
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Paintbrush
- Mod Podge



Instructions

1. Cut the gallon jug as shown, leaving the handle section intact.
 2. To create multiple tissue-paper circles quickly, stack and fold the paper into several layers. Use the can to trace a circle onto the paper, then cut out the stack of circles.
 3. Adhere the tissue-paper circles to the jug with a glue stick.
 4. Brush Mod Podge on top of the circles to seal them.
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Bird Feeding Station

Turn a plastic bottle into something useful -- a bird feeding station where your kids' feathered friends can feast. Add this to your list of easy science activities for kids as one that shows a positive purpose for recycling. You'll need to help the kids with cutting the bottle.

What You'll Need:

- Plastic 2-liter bottle (without a base cap)
- Blunt scissors
- Nail
- 12-inch wood dowel
- Strong cord
- Birdseed

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Bird feeding station



Step 1: Soak the bottle in warm water to remove the label.

Step 2: Make sure an adult helps use a nail to carefully poke a hole in each side of the plastic bottle near the bottom for the perch. The holes need to be large enough to fit a dowel.

Step 3: Make a U-shaped cut 2 inches above the perch hole on each side of the bottle. Bend each cut area outward like a little awning.

Step 4: Punch two holes just under the top rim of the bottle for the hanger.

Step 5: Thread a piece of strong cord through the top holes to hang the feeder.

Step 6: Insert the dowel through the perch holes.

Step 7: Fill the feeder with birdseed, and put the cap back on the bottle.

Step 8: Hang the bird feeder outside, and watch the birds eat.

Beep! Beep! Oh, no, it's a toy car traffic jam! Go to the next page to see how you can get everything under control with your own traffic signs.

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Recycled Puzzle Piece Photo Frame

Don't throw out your puzzles with missing pieces. There are plenty of crafting opportunities waiting. [If you don't have puzzle pieces, you can always use shells or beads, or anything else.]

You need:

- Old Puzzle with Missing Pieces
 - Cereal Box
 - Scissors
 - [Tacky Glue](#)
 - Photo

Instructions:

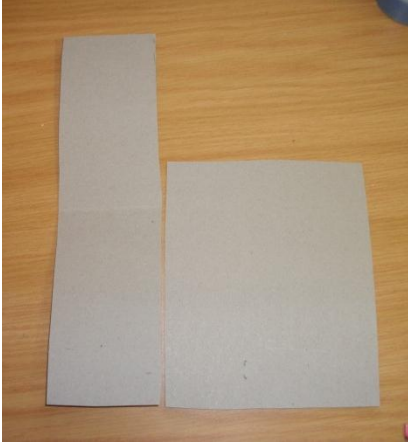
Cut out a piece of cardboard from the cereal box (the shape and size that you want your photo frame to be). Then cut out a piece of cardboard-a long strip-that will serve as your prop. (Look at the photo's below for full explanation). Paint the big piece of cardboard. When dry staple strip to board. Now, glue photo to cardboard. Glue puzzle pieces all around the outside, making 2-3 overlapping layers.

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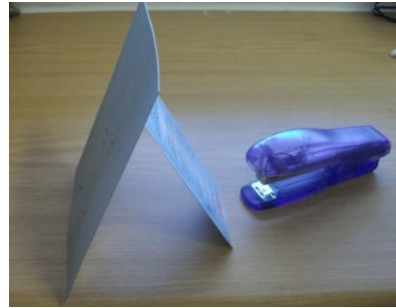
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Below are also tips and continued instructions for making puzzle photo frame.

1. Strips



3. Once Stapled



4. Painting



2. Staple Together



Photo Sticking



We hope you enjoy making these as much as we did! Here are some fun photos of other kids doing these crafts.



Photo Frames



Bird Feeders



Tracksuit pants bags

