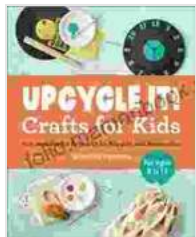


# Upcycle It: Creative Crafts for Kids Ages 12 and Up



## Upcycle It Crafts for Kids ages 8-12: Fun and Useful Projects to Recycle and Reimagine by Jennifer Perkins

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### Materials You'll Need

- Empty plastic bottles
- Tin cans
- Cardboard boxes
- Egg cartons
- Fabric scraps
- Yarn
- Glue

- Tape
- Scissors
- Markers or paint

## **Projects**

### **1. Upcycled Plastic Bottle Planters**

#### **What you'll need:**

- Empty plastic bottles
- Scissors
- Soil
- Plants

#### **Instructions:**

1. Cut the bottom off of the plastic bottle.
2. Fill the bottle with soil.
3. Plant your plants in the soil.
4. Water the plants.

### **2. Tin Can Windsocks**

#### **What you'll need:**

- Tin cans
- Can opener

- Fabric scraps
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Glue

### **Instructions:**

1. Use a can opener to remove the top and bottom of the tin can.
2. Cut fabric scraps into strips.
3. Glue the fabric strips around the outside of the tin can.
4. Tie a piece of yarn to the top of the tin can.
5. Hang the windsock outside and enjoy the breeze!

### **3. Cardboard Box Castle**

#### **What you'll need:**

- Cardboard boxes
- Scissors
- Tape
- Markers or paint

#### **Instructions:**

1. Cut out the sides of a cardboard box to create a castle shape.
2. Tape the sides of the box together.

3. Draw or paint a door and windows on the castle.
4. Add any other decorations you like, such as turrets or flags.

#### **4. Egg Carton Flowers**

##### **What you'll need:**

- Egg cartons
- Scissors
- Markers or paint
- Yarn

##### **Instructions:**

1. Cut out the individual cups from an egg carton.
2. Color the egg carton cups with markers or paint.
3. Punch a hole in the bottom of each egg carton cup.
4. Thread a piece of yarn through the holes in the egg carton cups.
5. Tie the ends of the yarn together to create a flower.

#### **5. Fabric Scrap Garland**

##### **What you'll need:**

- Fabric scraps
- Scissors
- Yarn

- Needle

## Instructions:

1. Cut the fabric scraps into small squares or triangles.
2. Fold each fabric scrap in half and then in half again.
3. Sew the sides of the fabric scraps together to create a small flag.
4. Thread a needle with yarn and sew the flags onto the yarn.
5. Hang the garland up and enjoy!

## Benefits of Upcycling Crafts for Kids

Upcycling crafts are a great way to teach kids about sustainability and creativity. By reusing everyday objects, kids can learn about the importance of reducing waste and conserving resources. Upcycling crafts can also help kids develop their fine motor skills, problem-solving skills, and imagination.

So next time you're looking for a fun and educational activity for your kids, try one of these upcycle crafts. You'll be surprised at how much fun your kids have and how creative they can be.

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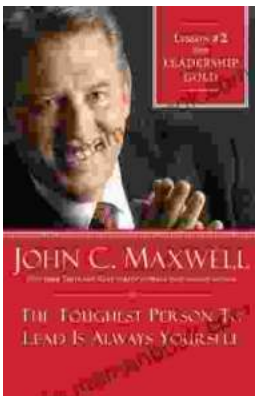


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