



Make a Masterpiece

Upcycled Art

Suggested Materials:

Start by looking in your recycling and trash bins. Possible items include:

- paper scraps, cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, and magazines
- plastic containers, caps and lids
- packing material
- metal cans or glass jars

Look around your house for other possible items like:

- game or puzzles pieces and broken toys
- wood scraps
- old clothing, sheets, or fabric scrapes
- yarn, ribbons and bows
- zip ties, twist ties or pipe cleaners

Helpful tools such as:

- scissors
- glue and/or tape
- markers, pens, or pencils



What you do:

Start small and use your imagination! Based on the materials you've found, think about what you'd like to create and how you'll put your materials together: How can you use these materials to create unique works of art? Some upcycle art ideas may include a mask or party hat, a sun-catcher, a house for your dolls, a pen holder, a garage for your toy cars, a rocket, or perhaps a new-age robot. The possibilities are endless!

Creating upcycled art develops skills:

- encourages creative thinking, problem solving, and perseverance
- helps develop fine motor skills
- promotes reuse of recycled materials