

Trash to Treasures/ Recycled Crafts



Grade Level: Preschool- Adult

Time Needed: 30- 45 minutes

Location: Classroom

Objective: Students will take what some might consider trash and transform it!
"Nothing is waste until it is wasted." ~ Clark Gregory

To start the program, we usually bring out the *Reuse It Suitcase*. It is full of games and crafts made from junk like a bug hotel made from a tennis ball container and a snowman ornament made from a paint stick!

Depending on the season and supplies donated to the Bremer County Recycling Program, we can do our trash to treasures based on a holiday or just an earthkeepers theme. The age of the students will be the biggest factor in the types of crafts.

In the past we have transformed old CD's into Mike the Monster from *Monsters, Inc*, used puzzle pieces to make reindeer ornaments and a tic-tac-toe game from a cereal box and juice lids.

Extensions:

Around the holidays, the students could compete in a low-waste wrapping contest. Decorate a bulletin board, window area, or wreath with reused items. Give students all the same junk item and see how many creations they come up with!

Helpful Web-sites:

<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/craftsbyproduct/a/trashcrafts.htm>

<http://www.ceee.uni.edu/Home/Programs/Hometown/Hometown/ReclaimYourHolidays.aspx>

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/trash.html>

www.pinterest.com

