

Trash to Treasures/ Recycled Crafts

"Nothing is waste
until it is wasted."
~ Clark Gregory

Grade Level: Preschool- Adult

Time Needed: 30- 45 minutes

Location: Classroom

Objective: Students will take what some might consider trash and transform it!

- To start the program, we usually bring out the *Reuse It Suitcase*. It is full of games and crafts made from junk. We've made bug hotels made from tennis ball containers and snowman ornaments 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!