

The Recycling project is designed to encourage 4-H members to recycle. A recycled item is any item that is no longer used in its original form.

Project Levels:

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| Beginner | Grades 3-5 |
| Intermediate | Grades 6-8 |
| Advanced | Grades 9-12 |



Exhibit Requirements:

1. Use your imagination.
2. Take an object and remake it into something useful or decorative (other than what it was originally used for).
3. Attach to your exhibit—

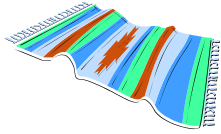
name of project created
item or items that were recycled
how it was assembled

4. Complete your record sheet and place it in your green folder.

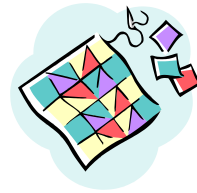
Exhibits will be judged based on originality and creativity with consideration given to the age of the exhibitor.

Recycling projects can be thought of as either **OLD RECYCLING** or **MODERN DAY RECYCLING**. Examples might include:

❖ quilts from old clothing



❖ rag rugs



❖ feed sack dresses

❖ feed sack dish towels

❖ clothing out of curtains

❖ milk crate shelving

❖ metal art

❖ baby food jars (candle holder)



❖ metal coffee can (toilet paper holder)

❖ barn siding picture frames

❖ two-liter bottle bird feeders

❖ old jeans (purses, bags or hats)

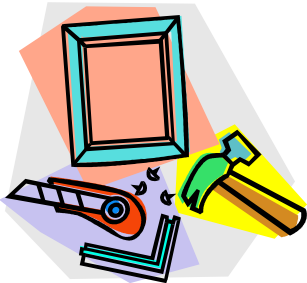


❖ medicine cabinet (shadow box)

❖ greeting cards (baskets, etc.)

❖ silverware (wind chimes)

❖ old farm equipment (weather vanes)



There are many ways to recycle that do not involve taking items to a recycling center. You may donate unwanted items to people or places that need them. You could have a garage sale or put items in a flea market. Sometimes you can even trade in old items when you buy new ones.

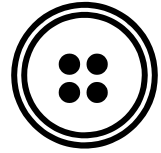
One of the most creative and fun ways to recycle is to make something old into something useful again. Normal household “trash” we throw away every day can be turned into “treasure” with a little imagination and effort.



Milk cartons and soft drink bottles make great bird feeders. Even old pie pans and a flower pot can become a bird feeder.

Add some paint, ribbon, buttons or other notions and turn that old sweatshirt or torn jacket into a work of art that you can wear.

Use those old buttons to make pins, earrings or other types of jewelry.



Scraps of wood from a building project can become wonderful toys or models. What a great gift for a younger brother or sister...and one you made especially for them.



Old bottles, jars, cartons and cans can become useful again as vases, pencil holders or even toy train cars. Add some imagination, paint, glue or paper, and the possibilities seem endless.

With a little creativity and some discarded odds and ends, you can help the environment by recycling and make some fun new and useful things. This type of recycling can even make rainy days fun.

Check around your house for items that are about to be discarded. They might include but are not limited to:

newspapers
magazines
egg cartons
aluminum foil
film containers
catalogs
rocks
popsicle sticks
clothespins
cardboard tubes
CDs
strawberry boxes
plastic bottles

fabrics
old clothing
buttons
foam meat trays
laundry scoops
pine cones
sticks
PVC pipe
packing peanuts
drink pouches
wallpaper
eggshells
dishes

string
coffee cans
grocery sacks
CD cases
magazines
puzzle pieces
light bulbs
hangers
jar lids
beans/seeds
yarn
rice
plastic bags



Recycling Project Record Sheet

Name _____

4-H Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

Project Level: **Beginner** **Intermediate** **Advanced**
(please circle)

1. What did you learn from this project? _____

2. Did your family get involved with you on this project? _____

3. What did you enjoy most about the recycling project? _____

4. What did you dislike about this project? _____

5. List the names of people you have shared your recycling knowledge with.

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Signature of 4-H member _____
Date _____

4-H Leader's Signature _____
Date _____