

Reuse (Do-it-Yourself)

With the advantage of the internet and social media, there can be a home or creative solution for virtually all of our waste. Incorporate DIY projects into arts and crafts with your kids or for their science experiments. If you're a teacher, daycare instructors, camp counsellor or nanny you can incorporate these activities into your program planning. Take something old and make it into something new to liven up a new space, apartment, or home. Or maybe you know an artist who could benefit from your old junk. Below we've compiled a list, along with links, of easy DIY ideas for basic household items that most often end up in our landfills.

Item	Use	Link
Egg cartons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Freezing individual portions of food ● Seeding for your garden ● Loose change organiser ● Crafts 	Craft ideas: https://www.blog.brightstarkids.com.au/eating/22-egg-cellent-egg-carton-crafts/
Plastic containers & cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Storage container for pens, pencils, utensils, makeup/bathroom supplies 	
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use as rags and cloths ● Remake into a tote bag ● Use as a Swiffer dusting pad (instead of disposable pads) ● Make into a scarf or sew into a pillow ● Cut into strips for knitting 	Tote bag: http://allinoneguide.com/diy-t-shirts-best-t-shirt-refashion-diy-shirt-refashioning-ideas/diy-t-shirts-best-t-shirt-refashion-diy-shirt-refashioning-ideas-15/ Swiffer dusting pad: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/242772236141129448/ What to do with your old jeans: http://www.mnn.com/lifestyle/recycling/blogs/6-cool-things-you-can-make-from-old-jeans
Toilet paper and paper towel rolls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use for plastic bag storage ● Cord organiser ● Crafts 	Craft ideas: https://craftingagreenworld.com/2014/04/25/50-diy-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-need-see/

<p>Newspaper, cardboard bubble wrap, styrofoam to go containers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Packing material ● Cardboard for fort building with your kids ● Newspaper instead of paper towels to clean windows and mirrors ● Bubble wrap paint projects 	<p>Bubble wrap paint projects: http://gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2015/03/bubble-wrap-print-cherry-blossom-tree-w-free-printable.html</p>
<p>Coffee grounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place an open jar or bowl of dried, used coffee grounds in your refrigerator or freezer to neutralize odors ● Keep jar under the sink and use with dish soap as a scouring agent for caked-on food ● Great for unclogging drains ● Pour used coffee grounds in a ring around garden plants to keep ants and slugs away 	
<p>Pill bottles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taming the mess of your junk drawer, sewing kit, strings and beads ● For keeping hairpins and bandaids in your purse 	