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# THE CHALLENGE:



Upcycling is taking a product or material that you would generally throw away and turning it into something new and useful. This helps keep non-biodegradable junk out of landfills and our oceans.

Your challenge is to find some items around your home that are broken or no longer being used and create something new.

Create, Test, Improve.

## **Learning Activities**

#### **Language Arts**

In your journal write a procedural piece of writing on the item you upcycled. Remember to use the words: first, next, then, after that, finally. You can use

words and pictures to show the process. When your procedural piece of writing is done share it with a family member.

Click here to listen to/read books about upcycling. <a href="https://www.getepic.com/">https://www.getepic.com/</a>

\*I have added a few upcycling books to my "Favorites" on the Epic Website. You can click there or explore for others.



#### Math

Triangles, rectangles, circles and squares. There are many shapes everywhere. In this picture, what do you see? Can you name them? And are they 2D?

During your challenge of making something new, draw and label in your journal what 2D shapes you discover.

#### Science

Create compost in a jar. Layer soil, newspaper clippings, leaves and fruit/vegetable scraps in a mason jar or bottle. Add enough water to lightly moisten the mix. Cover and put it in a sunny spot. Check in every couple of days to

see what has changed. Be patient. Biodegrading takes time!



#### Art:

### Your Trash, Your Treasure

Design the first letter of your name using old materials such as: nails, utensils, buttons, pieces of fabric, parts from old electronics, etc.





Take a look at this close up view.

Can you guess by looking at the clue?

