

Bird Art 6-8

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Lesson

The 3 R's: Recycle, Reuse, Reduce!

Reduce (To use less of)

The best way to reduce waste is to buy in bulk, buy items with less packaging & switching to reusable instead of single-use items. In addition to benefiting the environment, these efforts often save the us money.

Reuse (To use again in the same or different way)

In the United State every person generates about 4.7 pounds of waste a day. Most waste can be reused to minimize the strain on the environment & municipal waste management. For example, you can reuse plastic containers with lids for storage. This minimizes the amount of plastic thrown in your garbage.

Recycle (to make something new from something used)

Separating items for recycling is important. Recyclables include, paper such as newspaper, unwanted mail, magazines, & cardboard are placed in your yellow bin & plastic bottles, plastic containers, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass jars, milk & juice cartons in the blue bin. This makes it easier to be recycled & made into the same type item or something new.

Disposal (To get rid of)

Daily waste that cannot be reused or recycled in some form, finds its way to your garbage can. Things that cannot go in your recycle bins include fabric, plastic bags, baggies, used pizza boxes, used paper plates, & all types Styrofoam. It is best to check with your municipal waste management for their bin regulations.

Recycling helps protect the environment. Recycling reduces the need for extracting (mining, quarrying & logging), refining & processing raw materials. Such as cutting down trees & processing their wood to make paper. All of these create a lot of air & water pollution. **Recycling reduces the use of landfills** & incineration.

Questions for students

What does it mean to recycle?

How can you help to reduce your waste?

How many pounds of waste do you produce daily?

In Palm Beach County what do you place in your yellow recycling bin?

How does using the 3 R's help the environment?



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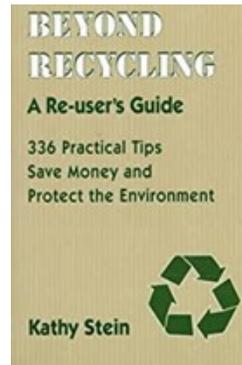
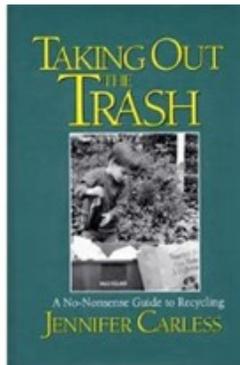
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Other Learning Resources

Books to Read

Taking Out the Trash :
A No-Nonsense Guide to Recycling.
by Jennifer Carless

Beyond Recycling:
A Re-Users Guide: 336 Practical Tips -
Save Money and Protect the Environment
by Kathy Stein



Videos About The 3 R s

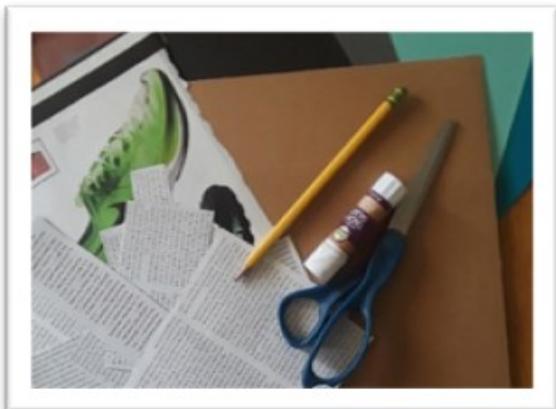
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Materials



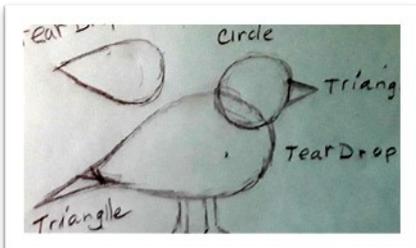
- 1 piece of cardboard
- 1 Magazine
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Various Colors of construction paper or scrapbooking paper
- Pencil



Instructions



1. Gather all your materials.
2. Cut out a square piece of cardboard from a packing box or cereal box or the back of a paper pad. It can be any size you like.
3. Cut out squares & rectangle columns of black text only, (no color headings or photos) from a magazine or newspaper.
4. Decide what color papers you want your birds, branch & leaves to be. You can add a sun in background or flowers on the tree. Make it your own design.
5. In the top corner, glue one text sheet & smooth out with the palms of your hands. Apply more glue & layer more sheets, over lap them, place them at angles until you fill the cardboard.
6. Lightly sketch a branch on you're the color paper you choose. Cut inside the lines or erase them when you are done cutting it out. Draw & cut leaves from the scrap of the branch. Glue branch ½ inch up from the left corner of the cardboard. You can cut & slightly leave space between your branch to add more interest. See example.
7. Draw a bird the size needed to fit on the branch (See drawing to the left.) Draw a circle for the head, a teardrop for the body, a triangle for the beak & tail, then draw a smaller teardrop for the wing. Now, take the color paper for your second bird & put behind this one. Cut them out together. Turn the bird with the lines on it over when gluing on your artwork. Exchange the colors of the wing on the birds. Glue on the wings.
8. Now, glue on the leaves, let them extend past the edge of the board to add dimension. Your picture is now complete, but you may like to add extras, like adding a sun, rainbow or clouds. Add a little sparkle with glitter. If you have stick on letters, or stencils & markers, you may want to add your name. You can add a word or two by cutting them from a magazine. You can even add a colorful boarder with washi tape, construction paper or glued on buttons. Be Creative! Add string or pipe cleaner on the back with tape & hang in your room.



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