

Trash or Toys?

Americans throw away enough trash to fill 63,000 garbage trucks every single day. Most of the trash was used only once.

Making all that stuff costs money and energy and materials. So does getting rid of it.

Reusing things—even just one more time—cuts those costs. It lowers the amount of waste and pollution in the world too. Experts say it's even better than recycling.

And it can be fun, especially if you reuse your trash to make toys.



We can make some cool stuff!



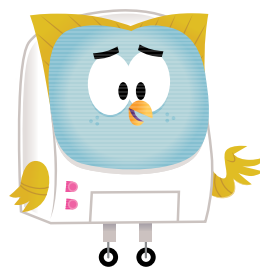
Can or Piggy Bank?

Ask a grownup to cut a slot in the plastic lid of a clean, empty can. Decorate the can with scrap paper or fabric and paints or markers to make a piggy bank.



Milk Jug or Toss-and-Catch Game?

Ask a grownup to cut off the bottom of a clean, empty milk jug. Tie one end of a piece of yarn around a pom-pom ball. Tie the other end around the milk jug handle. Now toss. Can you catch the ball in the jug?



You can decorate the jug, or cover the cut edge with colored tape or paper.

Cereal Box or Magazine Holder?

Cut off the top and trim the sides of an empty cereal box. Decorate the box, and you have the perfect place to store your issues of *Click*.



Now I'll always know where to find my *Click* magazines!



Egg Carton and Paper Tube or Toy Train?

Cut up an egg carton to make passenger cars for a toy train. Use a toilet paper tube for the engine. Decorate the cars, punch holes in the ends, and tie everything together with yarn or string. Choo-choo!



Egg Carton or Toy Helicopter?

Cut out and decorate one cup from an egg carton, one tip of a carton divider, one entire divider, and one entire divider.



Glue two strips of stiff paper together to make a cross shape, then punch a hole in the center of the cross for the helicopter blades.

Poke a slit in the bottom of the egg cup. Use a brass paper fastener to attach the blades and the carton tip to the cup. Glue on the divider for the tail. Ta-da! A helicopter with blades that spin!



May I have a turn spinning the blades?

