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ACTIVITY: Trash to Treasure

CHALLENGE

Your challenge is to create something useful and/or beautiful out of something that would usually be thrown away (either in the recycling or garbage).

MATERIALS

- Everyday materials at home, including 'clean' recycling, 'clean waste' or single-use items
- Your imagination!
- Tools (scissors, glue, etc.)

EXPLORE

How might you turn something that is usually 'tossed' into something that is useful, creative and/or fun?

MAKE IT HAPPEN

1. First, you may want to go online and search for 'trash to treasure' or 'upcycling' for ideas.
2. Next, search your house for materials that are usually thrown out or recycled and turn them into something useful, creative or fun!
3. Ask an adult if it's okay to use the materials and to provide assistance with any tools you might need.
4. Now create your treasure.

SHARE

Share a photo or a video about the creation of your treasure with your class.

REFLECT

What process did I use to create my treasure?
What other things could be done with the stuff in my house that is usually tossed or recycled?
What does the letter R (rethink, reduce, reuse, repair, recycle) mean to us?

EXTEND

- Check out these videos for inspiration: Izhar Gafni, an Israeli national, fulfilled his dream of making a cardboard bike that's strong enough to be rideable. Here's his story: Izhar [cardboard bike project](#)
- Another video focused on music, this time showing 'behind the scenes' making both the set to a music video and the cigar box guitars they play in that video: [The Making of Little Boxes - Walk off the Earth](#)

Reference: *Wild Sight Beyond Recycling Program*