



Recycled Art Activities

Grade level: Elementary

Objective: The purpose of this activity is to teach students how to reduce, reuse, and recycle disposable items.

Key Terms:

Trash

Recycling

Reusing

Activities:

Plastic Bottle Piggy Bank

You will need – Plastic bottles, pink paper, pink paint, pink pipe cleaners, P.V.A. glue, tape, scissors and markers.

1. Either cover the bottle with pink paper or paint it. If using ordinary water based paint, you will need to mix it with glue to adhere to the plastic.
2. Once dry, roll up a sheet of paper and stick it with tape. Cut it into four and these are used for legs. They are best attached to the body using more tape
3. Cut out ears and stick them onto the head of the pig. Pierce a whole in the bottom to attach the pipe cleaner to make the tail.
4. Eyes, nostrils etc. can be added using markers. If desired, a slot can be cut in the pig's back to allow it to be used as a piggy bank.

Masks

You will need - large brown cardboard boxes, scissors, glue, paintbrush, dried grass, garden sticks, sellotape

1. Cut a large oval from the cardboard. Using the scissors carefully cut 2 eye holes.
2. Cut small shapes, (triangles, circles, etc) and stick these onto your mask to decorate it. Think about how you could build up the cheeks, nose & mouth in an interesting way. Glue on the dried grass either as hair or a beard.
3. Attach the garden stick to the back of the mask with tape and use.

Flowers

You will need - scraps of card, old wallpaper sample books are ideal, cardboard egg boxes, paint, paintbrushes, glue.

1. Daffodil: Cut yellow card, or plain card which can be painted yellow, into 5 petal shapes, but keep them connected at the middle. Cut out each of the egg holders from the egg carton and paint orange. Leave to dry & stick to middle of petals.

2. Other flowers: Cut out large flower shapes from the wallpaper sample books. (e.g. 5/6 petal leaf flowers), cut out slightly smaller but similar flower petal shapes. Do this twice more so you have 1 large flower shape, 1 medium sized flower shape, & 1 small flower shape. Glue the medium onto the large, and the small onto the medium. This makes a lovely display, especially many together.