

# crafts for Kids

waste reduction week activities



Peterborough  
County

Our History - Your Future

DAY 1

# milk carton bird feeder

YOU WILL NEED:

- empty milk carton
- string
- bird seed
- acrylic paint
- scissors

1 Wash the milk carton and set aside to dry.

2 Once dry, cut out a rectangle near the top flap. Repeat on opposite side.

3 Paint desired design on the outer surface of the carton. Allow to dry for 30 minutes.

4 Poke a hole on the top flap. Insert the string and secure with a knot.

5 Fill the inner compartment with bird seed.

6 Hang the carton outside and watch the birds flock to their new feeder.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
A circular economy is a closed-loop system designed to keep resources and materials in the system for as long as possible. It aims to eliminate waste, circulate resources, and regenerate nature.





DAY 2

# t-shirt tote

YOU WILL NEED:

- old t-shirt
- plastic bag
- scissors

1

Lay the out shirt on a flat surface and place the plastic bag on top.

2

Make sure that the bottom of the bag lines up with the bottom of the t-shirt.

3

Cut the sleeves and the neckline by following the shape of the plastic bag.

4

Set the plastic bag aside. Secure the top ends into two separate knots to create the straps.

5

Flip the shirt inside out. Cut small slits that are  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 inch apart at the bottom.

6

Take a front slit and tie with corresponding back slit. Repeat until all slits are tied. Flip the shirt right side out.

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes 2,600 litres of water to produce a new t-shirt.





DAY 3

# CD coasters

YOU WILL NEED:

- scrap fabric
- scissors
- glue
- Mod Podge
- old CDs
- pencil

1

With a pencil, trace the shape of the CD onto the fabric.

2

Using scissors, cut the circles out of the fabric.

3

Glue fabric on one side of the CD. Press out wrinkles. Let dry for 20 minutes and repeat on the other side.

4

Set the CD aside to let the glue dry.

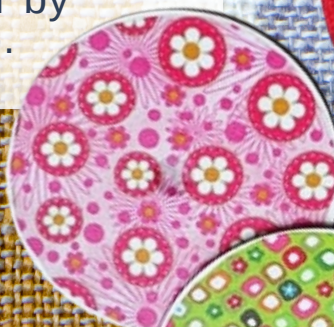
5

Apply two coats of Mod Podge on one side. Let dry for 20 minutes and repeat on the other side.

6

Once the coating is dry, test out your new coaster by putting a mug on top.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Electronic waste, or "e-waste" is the fastest growing waste stream in the world. Last year, the world produced 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste. That's almost as heavy as 4.5 million elephants!





DAY 4

# Water bottle piggy bank

YOU WILL NEED:

- water bottle
- pink acrylic paint
- 2 googly eyes
- scissors
- 4 large beads
- 1 sheet of pink paper
- glue
- marker

1

On one side of the bottle, cut out a slit about 2 inches long and 1/2 inch wide. The length of the slit must follow the length of the bottle.

2

Paint the entire bottle pink, including the cap. Let the paint dry for 20 minutes.

3

With the slit side of the bottle facing upward, glue the googly eyes near the cap.

4

Cut two triangles using the pink sheet of paper. Glue the triangles between the slit and the googly eyes.

5

On the side opposite to the slit, glue the beads which will act as the piggy bank's legs.

6

Add the finishing touch by drawing two small circles on the cap. This should look like the pig's snout.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
It's estimated that by 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish (in terms of weight).





DAY 5

# roasted pumpkin seeds

YOU WILL NEED:

- raw, whole pumpkin seeds
- 2 tsp melted butter
- 1 tsp salt
- bowl
- baking tray

1

Save pumpkin seeds from jack-o'-lantern carving.

2

Preheat oven to 300°F.

3

Toss seeds in a bowl with melted butter and salt.

4

Spread the seeds on the baking tray.

5

Place the tray in the oven and bake the seeds for 40 minutes or until golden brown. Stir occasionally.

6

Remove tray from the oven and let the seeds cool for 15 minutes.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Every day in Canada, we waste 555,000 bananas, 750,000 loaves of bread, 1,000,000 cups of milk, and 2,400,000 potatoes





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