



Crafts from Trash

Binoculars = Cut out a strip of contact paper 15" x 4½". Remove the backing of the contact paper and wrap around two toilet paper rolls to hold them together (you can also use masking tape). Use a hole punch to make two holes on the outside of the "binoculars". Attach yarn through the holes to make a neck strap. Decorate the binoculars.

Bookmarker = Cut a rectangular piece from a cereal box. Decorate the reverse side that has no printing.

Cardboard Play Town = Collect many different sizes and shapes of used cardboard boxes. Draw on windows, doors and other features to transform the boxes into buildings. To make a traffic light, cut circles of red, yellow, and green construction paper and glue to a paper towel tube.

CD Case Picture Frame Craft =

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/trash.html>

CD Fish = Using whatever color of paper/magazine/etc. you prefer, cut out the fish's lips, tail, and fins (1 top fin, 1 bottom fin, and 2 side fins). Glue the lips, bottom fin, and tail to the side of the CD with the writing on it. Attach a piece of yarn or string to the CD through the hole in the middle and tie. Attach the top fin to the side of the CD with the writing on it covering the string. Cover the printed side of the CD with paper, aluminum foil, etc. Paint an eye each side of the CD (or glue on a button or other round object). Add the two side fins, one to each side.

CD Photo Frame or Ornament = Cut a favorite picture into a circle so its diameter is about an inch smaller than a CD. Paste the picture on the CD. Attach a string and hang as a picture frame or Christmas tree ornament.

Coasters = Paint or use markers to decorate glass jar lids or plastic container lids.

Egg Carton Spider = Cut one egg carton section. Paint 8 bread twist ties black. Use the twist ties as the spider legs. Bend them and place into the egg carton. Paint or use a marker to put eyes and a mouth on the spider.

Earth Day Litterbug =

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/earthday/litterbug/>

Lacing Cards = Save plastic lids from various containers. Cut out simple designs or the letters from the alphabet on contact paper. Stick a contact paper design or letter on a plastic lid. Use a hole puncher to put holes around the design made on the contact paper. Use old shoelaces, string, or yarn to practice lacing the hole punches.

Magazine Holder = Cut a cereal box from the top diagonally downward three quarters of the way. Decorate the box with scrap fabric, scrap paper, gum wrapper foil or paint.

Mobile = Collect and decorate several clear deli container lids using markers or paint. Put a hole punch in the top. Thread with yarn and tie on a hanger or a fallen tree branch.

Parachute = Cut a 10" x 10" piece from a plastic grocery bag. Tie a piece of string to each corner of the plastic bag. Place the loose ends of the string in a film canister and then snap on the lid. Fold your parachute in half and then roll it down to the film canister. Throw it up in the air. If you need to add a little weight, place a couple of small rocks or sand in the container.

Picture Frame = Cut a 3"x 5" or 4"x 6" rectangular shape in a used polystyrene foam meat tray. Decorate to make a picture frame.

Picture Frame = Cut out a 3"x 5" or 4"x 6" rectangular shape out of the bottom of a tissue box. Paste pieces of a jigsaw puzzle around the border to create a lively frame.

Plastic Jug Pumpkin = Draw the Jack-o-lantern's eyes, nose, and mouth on a gallon jug. Cut them out. Paint the entire jug with orange acrylic paint (it may need a couple of coats). Once the paint has dried you can add details to the pumpkin with black marker. Place a small flashlight inside the pumpkin to make it glow!

Sea Turtle Marionette =

http://www.sandiegozoo.org/kids/craft_trash_puppet.html

Many good ideas! =

<http://craftsforkids.miningco.com/library/bltrashtr.htm>

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