eARTh Project: Upcycling Edition

**Engage**

**Waste to Art**
Ask yourself: Why do you think artists use waste to make art?
- Read or watch the 3 minute video on artist Ma Li's story about the art she makes from waste.
- Watch how waste becomes art in a museum.

**Waste Around My Living Space**
Think about it: How can we reuse the things we buy? Find some inspiration in this video. Video en Español.

Define: Upcycling is when "old" things are given a second life as something "new."

**Activity**
For this challenge, create a craft that gives a second life to existing items in your living space. Look around your living space and see if there are any old or unused items that you can use. Remember to ask your family members before reusing any household items.

Gather materials from around your living space that are no longer in use. Feel free to use sticking/adhering materials, paint, markers, and other decorative items that already exist in your home to get extra creative! Remember the challenge is to not buy anything.

Some ideas:
- Wrappers
- Old notebooks
- magazine, mail
- cardboard boxes
- Pasta jars, aluminum cans

If you are stuck on ideas, see [here](#) for some example projects.

### Reflect

With a teammate (friends, family, etc.), ask...
- Does everything you buy get used daily?
- What are some changes that you or your family can make to reduce the amount of stuff you buy?
- Will you think differently about reusing things in your home?

### Zero Waste Goal

It is important to take action where we can and educate others to reach zero waste!

1. Create a zero waste goal that makes sense for you or your family around reducing the amount of products you buy!.
   - Example: Do we need to buy extra jars or can we use old pasta sauce jars to store things in?
2. Share your zero waste goal with one or more people. This can be your friends, family, neighbors, classmates, teachers, or others.

### Submission

Take photos of your art piece, and write down your zero waste goal. Send both in an email to [zerowastechallenge@seiinc.org](mailto:zerowastechallenge@seiinc.org)

Everyone who submits will be entered to win a raffle prize!

**Due: April 16th, 2021**

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