




Trash or Treasure?


Essential Question: Can we turn waste into treasure?

Expectation: Create a piece of art or a usable item out of materials that would normally be sent to the landfill or recycling facility.

	<h2>Engage (10 minutes)</h2>
	<p>Think about it: Redefine what you think waste is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>Start to look in your surroundings. What are things that inspire you to create something new?</p>

	<h2>Activity (30-60minutes)</h2>
	<p>This challenge is truly up to your imagination solely using materials from the trash/recycling to make something! The goal is to bring a second life to materials that would have been thrown out.</p> <p>Gather materials and plan what you want to create! Here are some ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newspaper ● Cardboard ● Plastic silverware ● Plastic takeout clamshells ● Aluminum cans ● Plastic water bottles ● Paper towel rolls ● Old clothes ● Shipping materials <p>Free Materials: for this challenge, you can use sticking/adhering materials and decoration items, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tape/Glue ● Paint ● Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils ● String <p>If you are stuck on ideas, see here for some example projects.</p>

	<h2>Reflect (10 minutes)</h2>
	<p>With a teammate (friends, family, etc.), ask...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does this challenge make you think differently about what waste means? ● Do you think we can give a second life to materials more often? ● What was your favorite part of this challenge?

	<h2>Extensions</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch and explore where waste goes with Marin Sanitary Services Virtual Tours. ● Research how people creatively reuse items before they are thrown away. Here is an example of a sandal made from old tires. ● Do things break down in landfills? Check out what happens inside landfills here.