

# 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 style="text-align: center;">Think about it: Redefine what you think waste is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read or watch the 3 minute video on artist <a href="#">Ma Li's</a> story about the art she makes from waste.</li> <li>● Watch how waste becomes <a href="#">art in a museum</a>.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>● Newspaper</li> <li>● Cardboard</li> <li>● Plastic silverware</li> <li>● Plastic takeout clamshells</li> <li>● Aluminum cans</li> <li>● Plastic water bottles</li> <li>● Paper towel rolls</li> <li>● Old clothes</li> <li>● Shipping materials</li> </ul> <p>Free Materials: for this challenge, you can use sticking/adhering materials and decoration items, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tape/Glue</li> <li>● Paint</li> <li>● Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils</li> <li>● String</li> </ul>

	If you are stuck on ideas, see <a href="#">here</a> for some example projects.
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	<b>Reflect (10 minutes)</b>
	With a teammate (friends, family, etc.), ask... <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does this challenge make you think differently about what waste means?</li><li>• Do you think we can give a second life to materials more often?</li><li>• What was your favorite part of this challenge?</li></ul>

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