

Trash fashion



Community
action



45 mins



Give it a go



Aim of activity

Rescue your rubbish! Reusing and recycling are important ways to care for the environment. Turn recycling into a fun challenge and make an outrageous outfit!

What you'll get out of it

- Find out about recycling and reusing rubbish.
- Care for the environment.
- Solve problems creatively.

What you'll need

- Scissors, 1 per pair
- Several rolls of tape
- Scrap paper
- Pens or pencils
- Lots of clean household rubbish items that are safe to handle. For example, newspapers, magazines, cardboard and crisp packets
- Craft materials. For example, string, paint, stickers, scraps of fabric, wool, ribbon, glitter and coloured paper (optional)



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding



Too much rubbish can cause pollution and harm our environment and wildlife. A great way to help the environment is to reuse some of the things we might normally throw away. In this activity, your challenge is to create a fancy dress outfit from rubbish rescued from the bin – but first, you'll play a game to help you come up with ideas.

What to do

- 1 Get into your Sixes. In your Six find a space, form a circle and give each Brownie a number, starting with player one.
- 2 Your leader will put a few items of rubbish in the middle of each circle.
- 3 Player one pick up a piece of rubbish from the pile and, as quickly as you can, come up with an idea for something it could be used for. This could be anything at all. For example, a milk bottle could be used as a vase, a watering can or even made into a bird-feeder!
- 4 Player one then passes the item to player two, who has to come up with a different idea for it, before passing it to player three. Keep passing the item, coming up with new ideas, until it reaches the last player.
- 5 Play the game again with a new item of rubbish. This time, start with the last player and go backwards until the item reaches player one.
- 6 By now, you should have some really creative ideas for turning rubbish into something new. Get into pairs. Your leader will divide the rubbish items randomly between all the pairs.
- 7 Using your rubbish items and any other materials your leader has collected, each pair should create two fancy dress costume items – one for each of you to wear. You could make a hat, a cape, a pair of shoes, or a whole outfit! Spend five minutes planning your designs.
- 8 Now it's time to get making! You have 15 minutes to create your costume items.
- 9 When the time's up, show off the outfits in a fancy dress parade!
- 10 Come together as a unit and talk about why you think recycling is important. Can you think of any things you usually throw away that could be made into something new instead?

When you throw away your rubbish after the activity, remember to put any recyclable items into the recycling bin!