

UPCYCLING

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1. Create mini planters from plastic bottles or cups.

Give plastic bottles or cups new life by using them as mini planters for flowers, herbs or small plants. Collect yogurt containers, detergent containers or even cans from coffee or canned vegetables. Clean each container thoroughly. Cut larger containers to create a planter shape (cut off narrow tops or spouts). Paint or decorate as desired. Add soil and either seeds or plants.



2. Upcycle fabric scraps into fabric bookmarks.

Cut fabric into equal strips. Use a sewing machine, needle and thread or double-stick fabric tape to sew or tape 2 strips together (back-to-back). Use as is as a bookmark or create a hole at one end and loop in some colored ribbon of choice.



3. Weave new life into newspaper by making storage baskets.

Collect old newspapers and take about 20 pages and cut them into 2.5" wide strips from the top of the page to the bottom of the page creating about 40 strips. Fold each strip in half lengthwise once, then again, and then again to create a thick folded strip of newspaper measuring about 3/4" in width. Start basket weaving the strips together from the center outward. Use double-sided tape to secure loose spots. Create the basket's bottom about 8-9" square with woven strips. Fold the exposed strips upward at a 90-degree angle to form the sides. Start weaving in strips horizontally around the sides and secure with tape as needed. Once the sides are complete, fold over the exposed edges and secure with tape or staples.



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