



## **CRAFTING WITH RECYCLABLES!**

While the main reason of recycling is that it is great for the environment, there are other specific reasons too:

1. It reduces global warming and prevents unnecessary greenhouse gases reaching the atmosphere.
2. Recycling reduces energy use.
3. Upcycling/ downcycling is good for wildlife and reduce the damage done to ocean life by discarded plastics.
4. Reusing materials for new purposes can save a considerable amount of money.
5. People become environmentally aware and demand for recycled products increases.
6. Crafting with recyclables can be an extremely enjoyable way to spend some time, on your own or with family.

Unfortunately, it is fair to say that, many people have lost sight of the traditional “make and make do” philosophy. Modern life has been so fast and everything feels disposable. However, there are benefits in slowing down and thinking of ways to reuse common household items! Being creative and crafting with recyclables is good for the environment, saves money, and can form basis of an enjoyable and engaging hobby!

If you are looking to make something useful out of something recycled, you may be surprised by just how many items you can reuse creatively. A simple plastic bottle could be turned into a garden sprinkler, a bird feeder or plastic flower ornaments! So never assume that the only possible destination for all those items is in the trash. There are so many creative ideas you could find on the internet websites such as Pinterest. Tap on to that creative psyche and have fun!



**Recycled string sign**



**Wineglass charms from corks for guests**