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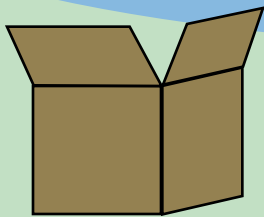
# Kid's Recycling Tool Kit

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## Kids Homemade Recycling Box Activity



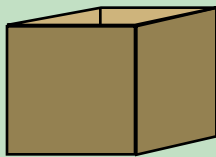
### Step One

Find an empty, clean cardboard box. If you don't have a cardboard box, you can use a paper grocery bag.



### Step Three

Use scrap paper and make your own recycling sign and attach it to the box. Or, simply draw it on the box with crayons or markers.



### Step Two

Fold the flaps of the cardboard box inward — down inside the box.



### Done!

Put your recycling box next to the trash can in the kitchen or your room and it's now ready to use!

Talk to your family about how to recycle and ask them to help. Use the coupon on the next page and place on your refrigerator door to help everyone recycle at home. When the box or paper bag is full, take it out and empty it in the curbside recycling bin. Put your box or bag back inside the house and you are now ready to recycle again! And, again! It's that easy.

# Kids ... Recycling is as easy as 1-2-3!

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### Kids! Here's your "How to Organize Recycling At Home" Checklist



**Set it up!** Make recycling easy and convenient. Put a recycling bag or box in the kitchen next to the trash can. You may want to put one in your room too!



#### IDEA!

Your recycling bin can be a cardboard box, plastic basket, box, wicker basket, a paper grocery bag or even an old toy box. Help your family recycle!



**Drop it in!** When you have something to recycle, drop it into your chosen container inside your home. When it gets full, empty it into your big recycling bin outside.



#### IDEA!

**Paper Bag It!** Put your recyclables in a paper grocery bag and drop the entire bag in your recycling bin outside. Please, don't use plastic bags. You can take plastic bags to the store or grocery store to recycle.



**The Right Stuff!** See the list below for what to recycle. All recyclables can be mixed together in the large recycling bin outside.



#### IDEA!

**Clip It!** Clip the list below. Post it on your refrigerator or bulletin board as a reminder to recycle every day.

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### RECYCLE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR HOME



- Advertising inserts
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil (clean)
- Aluminum food trays (clean)
- Calendars
- Catalogs / Magazines
- Corrugated cardboard
- Cereal boxes (no lining)
- Computer paper
- Envelopes
- File folders
- Glass bottles & jars
- Junk mail
- Ledger paper
- All other clean, dry paper
- Metal lids (from jars and cans)
- Newspapers
- Notebook paper
- Packing paper
- Paper tubes
- Paper bags
- Plastic bottles #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
- Plastic beverage containers
- Plastic milk jugs
- Rigid plastic bottles, jars, trays and tubs
- Shoe boxes
- Telephone books
- Tin cans
- Tissue boxes
- Wrapping paper (paper only)
- Toy boxes

### DO NOT Place In Your Recycling Containers

- Plastic bags
- Window glass
- Mirrors
- Light bulbs
- Ceramics
- Pyrex
- Porcelain
- Scrap metal
- Full aerosol cans
- Propane tanks
- Coat hangers
- Bulky metal parts
- Styrofoam
- Plastic caps
- Waxed cardboard
- Cardboard saturated with poultry or meat
- Remove plastic/foil lining from cereal/cracker boxes
- Rubber bands or plastic wrap from newspaper
- Carbon paper
- Photographs
- Napkins, paper towels, facial tissue, plates or soiled paper

# Go On A Recycling Treasure Hunt!

Go into every room in your house and put a check mark next to the recyclable item you find.

## KITCHEN

- q Cereal and snack boxes
- q Plastic Milk jugs
- q Glass bottles
- q Tin food cans
- q Pet food cans
- q Juice cartons
- q Yogurt containers
- q Pudding and cottage cheese containers
- q Detergent and tissue boxes
- q Hand soap liquid bottles and dispenser bottles
- q Sauce and jelly jars
- q Ketchup bottles

## LAUNDRY ROOM

- q Fabric sheet boxes
- q Plastic detergent and disinfectant bottles
- q Window cleaner bottles
- q Polish or air freshener aerosol cans

## BEDROOM

- q Old school papers
- q Magazines
- q Tissue boxes
- q Cardboard labels and paper packaging on new clothing
- q Cardboard containers or packaging for toiletries (e.g. make-up, soap, etc.)

- q Glass perfume bottles
- q Aerosol deodorant or hairspray cans

## BATHROOM

- q Shampoo bottles
- q Toothpaste boxes
- q Cardboard toilet roll cores
- q Shower gel bottles
- q Liquid soap dispensers
- q Aerosol cans (shaving foam and deodorants - ensure containers are empty)
- q Plastic cleanser and toner bottles
- q Plastic bleach bottles and toilet cleaning products
- q Toiletry outer cardboard box packaging (e.g. items like razor blades or tooth brushes)
- q Nail varnish remover bottle

## FAMILY ROOM

- q Junk Mail
- q Newspapers
- q Catalogs and magazines
- q Phone books
- q Soft drink cans
- q Snack boxes
- q Tissue boxes
- q Cardboard from battery packs

**Idea!** You might want to make more "Recycling Boxes" to put in other rooms.



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# Recycle At Home Word Search

A list of items that can be put in the recycling container. Can you find them all?



- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Newspaper
- Junk mail
- Coupons
- Paper
- Phone books
- Cereal boxes
- Brown paper bags
- Glass bottles
- Jars
- Cans
- Aluminum foil
- Pie tins
- Steel cans
- Food cans
- Soup cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic jars
- Plastic tubs
- Plastic trays
- Milk jugs
- Water bottles
- Juice cartons
- Clean
- Dry



## Facts About "indivisible"

### ABOUT THE RECYCLED BEVERAGE CANS

Beverage containers were recycled by Mojave Desert and Mountain consumers during the month of September 2001. Workers at the Victor Valley Materials Recovery Facility sorted through thousands of cans to gather red, white and blue cans for the creation of "indivisible."

A total of fifteen different brand labels were used. It took five recycled cans to cut out the stars.

### OTHER RECLAIMED AND SALVAGED MATERIALS USED

The base which holds the cans is reclaimed plywood from a construction project in the High Desert. The paint was salvaged and reclaimed from a left over project, and its destination changed from a household hazardous waste center to recycled art.

Maybe you can gather items and create your own recycled art!



**Count the beverage containers:**

- Red stripes: \_\_\_\_\_
- White stripes: \_\_\_\_\_
- Blue union: \_\_\_\_\_
- Stars: \_\_\_\_\_ 5
- Total of recycled beverage containers used:** \_\_\_\_\_



ANSWERS: Beverage container count: Red stripes: 55  
White stripes: 48 Blue union: 28 Stars: 5 Total of recycled  
beverage containers used: 136