

Repurpose and Upcycle Ideas

Here are some ideas on how to repurpose items you already have:

Baling twine can be used to knit, braid or weave into dish scrubbing pads, make macrame plant hangers, reusable bags, or braid or weave to create dog leads or rope halters for horses.

<https://relativesomething.com/tag/reusing-baling-twine/>

Door mat:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vc7Pd1yiEII>

Rug:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2cjhOwbaGw>

Rope:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0pjW8FC6GA>

Baskets:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Svf1f9OAonI>

Hay net or slow feeder:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VH57KwMciHg>



Turn old sheets, towels and clothing into cleaning rags, baskets, or braided or woven rugs.

Glass jars can be decorated or left plain to use for food storage, organizing small kitchen, garage items such as pens and pencils, cotton balls or swabs, toothbrushes or makeup brushes in the bathroom, or kitchen utensils.

Old toothbrushes can be used for cleaning hard-to-reach places, around drains, faucets, or tile grout.

Mesh produce bags can be used as pot scrubbers or hold rope or balls of yarn.



Cereal box liner bags can be used to wrap bread or rolls, save leftovers or crush up crackers or nuts because they are thicker than regular zip lock bags.

Empty wax butter wrappers can be like parchment paper to line backing pans or used to grease baking pans. Be sure to store them in the refrigerator until used. Then use them to grease baking pans.

Old colanders or cheese graters can be used as hanging planters or to convert into wind chimes using old-mismatched silverware or metal utensils.

Old, dull disposable razors can be used to remove pills from sweaters, scarves, etc.

Use old egg cartons to protect small Christmas ornaments, nuts and bolts or even buttons. Fiber paperboard egg cartons can be used to start plant seedlings and since they biodegrade, you can just plant the seedling in the fiber paperboard. They can also be used to organize small items like craft supplies, hardware or daily medicine.

Empty tissue boxes can be used for drawer dividers if you cut the tops off, to store plastic bags, or a trash bin for your car.



Empty two-liter soda pop bottles should be recycled, but they can also be turned into a self-watering planter for herbs and flowers by cutting off the top two-thirds, filling it with soil and putting spout side down into the bottom. Other empty plastic bottles can be used for plant waterers.



Turn your favorite wine or beer bottle into a soap dispenser with a liquor pour spout or pump.



Plastic milk jugs can protect seedlings from frost if you cut off the bottom and set the jug over a seedling – creating a tiny greenhouse. Removing the cap allows you to control temperature and humidity. You can also make homemade exercise weights by filling them with water or sand.

Old socks make great dusting rags (such as blinds or ceiling fan blades).

Use an old drawer as a planter, wall shelf or under-bed storage.

Old screen doors, bed frames and cribs can be used as a garden trellis.

Old silverware can be used to make windchimes, drawer pulls, jewelry or other works of art.

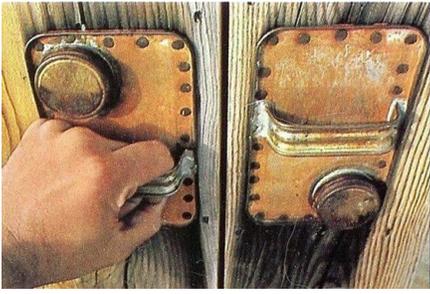
Build a garden border using upside-down wine bottles buried part way into the ground.

Old cupcake pans can be used for drawer organizers, hardware and craft supplies.

Old garden hoses can be cut up and used to cover rope to stake new trees at planting, or used as car door bumpers in the garage. You can make a cut in a length of hose to use as a blade cover for saws, axes, and other tools. If you can use a nail to make holes along the length of the hose to turn it into a soaker hose for the garden or yard.

Old chairs can be converted into garden planters or shelves.





Old paint thinner can tops can be turned into rustic door handles



Old entertainment centers, dressers, headboards and China hutches can be repurposed into wardrobes and changing tables for kids, coffee center, benches, kitchen islands, and bookcases or display shelves.



Old slides can be repurposed into memory lamp shades.

Old lamps, bowls, plates, cups and saucers can be repurposed into birdbaths or birdfeeders.



Old maps make great wrapping paper, a fun way to learn geography, and they can be recycled.



55 gallon drums make great planters, chairs, and sinks.



Old tires make great pet beds.



What a wonderful idea .. a stained glass spinner for the garden using an old bicycle wheel



Old bicycle tires can be turned into works of art.

Old freezers and refrigerators can be converted into party coolers.