

Trashion Show

Eco-Schools Topic:

Consumption and Waste

Grade Level:

Grades K-8

Standards:

N/A

Guiding Question:

What can be recycled?

Lesson Objectives:

Students will...

- Students will have an opportunity to be creative and upcycle their “trash” into clothes.

Key Questions, Attitudes, and Behaviors to teach:

- Circle items that can be recycled in the recycling bin (K)



- Throwing away trash can hurt the planet (A)
- I like to reuse things before they are thrown away (A)
- I upcycle (make crafts out of trash) at home (B)

Prep/ Materials:

- Collect scissors, tape/ glue
- Recycled/ trash materials that can be upcycled
 - Plastic bags
 - Newspaper
 - Cardboard
 - T-shirts and scraps
 - Bottles
 - Cans
 - Bubble wrap
 - Packaging from shipping boxes
 - Etc
- Craft supplies



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- o Pom poms
- o Popsicle sticks
- o Pipe cleaners
- o Clothespins
- o Yarn
- Costume supplies
 - o Feather boas
 - o Hats
 - o Glasses
- Cones and black bags to make a walkway
- Music (optional)
- Flashlights (spotlights)
- Duct tape (patterned is always fun) or hot glue gun
- Laptops (per small group) to show the powerpoint introduction

Intro

- Use the **ESLI Powerpoint** (on website next to recycling relay) as a guide to introduce trash, and compost—positives/ negatives
 - o watch Fairfax County Video (see links)
- Or, if you did that presentation last time, ask what are some of the things you remember that can be recycled/ trashed. Why would we want to prevent producing trash?

Activity (40 minutes)

- Split groups up with different leaders
 - o It's easier to have each group work together to dress one student than have each student dress up individually
- Allow the kids to be creative and come up with recycled costumes/ clothes
- Make a walkway outside or inside where students can strut in their new upcycled outfits (optional: music).
- Leave 10 minutes for clean up

Discussion

- Ask questions in groups:
 - o What's one thing that you want to make now from upcycled materials?
 - o Why is it important that we reduce our waste?

Links and Resources

- ESLI powerpoint (next to recycling relay lesson on website)
- [ESLI Prezi](#)
- Recycling Process
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=246&v=imwkiBtshCw
- Fairfax County Dos and Dots Sign: http://get2green.fcps.edu/pdf/Recycle_poster.pdf
- Recycling@fcps.edu
- [FCPS Schools visit→ http://get2green.fcps.edu/](http://get2green.fcps.edu/)



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