

# 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
  - Pom poms
  - Popsicle sticks
  - Pipe cleaners



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- 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. Bring examples of each item in case the students can't identify them by name. 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)
- Recycling Process  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=246&v=imwkiBtshCw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=246&v=imwkiBtshCw)
- Fairfax County Dos and Dots Sign: [http://get2green.fcps.edu/pdf/Recycle\\_poster.pdf](http://get2green.fcps.edu/pdf/Recycle_poster.pdf)
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