



Upcycled Piggy Bank DIY Project

Civic Circle Area: Donate

The impact of COVID-19 continues to change our daily lives and routines, but volunteering and civic engagement are just as important as ever. This project can be modified to adhere to social distancing guidelines set by local and national authorities, to do virtually, or to do at home and deliver via mail or drop off.

Only 28.9% of plastic bottles purchased in 2018 were collected for recycling, meaning that over 7 billion pounds of plastic ended up in a landfill. Help give these bottles a new life by re-purposing them into piggy banks and collecting cash for a cause you care about!

Pre-Project Discussion:

- Why is it important to protect the environment?
- What are some other ways you can practice sustainability?

What You Need:

- An empty soda bottle
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- A box cutter (for adult use only)
- Black marker
- Scissors
- Glue and/or tape
- Pink construction paper
- Pink pipe cleaner

Steps:

1. Collect empty soda bottles.
2. Paint the soda bottle pink and let it dry.
3. Cut a hole (about 1 1/2" x 1/8") in the side of the bottle so that there is a slot to put the money in.
4. Use the black marker to draw a nose on the bottle cap and eyes above it.
5. Cut two pieces of construction paper into the shape of pig ears, about 1" wide x 1 1/2" long.
6. Use tape or glue to stick the ears onto the side the bottle.
7. Cut four pieces of construction paper into rectangles, about 1" wide x 2" long--these will be the legs!
8. Roll the paper rectangles up into tubes and tape them closed.
9. Use tape or glue to stick the legs onto the underside of the bottle.
10. Cut the pipe cleaner to use for the tail--make it as short or as long as you want!
11. Wrap the piece of pipe cleaner around your finger to make it curly.
12. Use tape or glue to stick the tail to the bottom of the water bottle.



13. With the rest of your bottles, try making different animals, like cats, dogs or even elephants!
14. Give the extra piggy banks to friends or neighbors and encourage them to save their spare change for people in need.
15. Start saving loose change!
16. When the bank is full, donate the money to a charitable organization, like a local food bank or homeless shelter.

Reflection Questions:

- Why was it important to do this project?
- How did you help?
- What was it like to volunteer with your family?
- What was the funniest part of the experience?
- What volunteer activity would you like to do next?
- information with others?