



UPCYCLE GARLAND

UPCYCLE? WHAT'S THAT?

Lots of items are bound for the garbage or recycling cans. When an artist creates "upcycle" art, we take some of those items that may normally be considered trash and turn them into creative treasures by the way we decorate, change, or display them!

YOUR MATERIALS:

- string, yarn, or wire
- scissors
- hole punch or skewer
- Recycling Materials, IDEAS: cardboard, cereal boxes, paper towel tubes, egg cartons, squeeze pouch lids, take out container lids, plastic straws, unused coffee filters, unused paint swatch cards PLUS Paper Art Projects you have sitting around: Old coloring book pages, painting projects of your children that haven't found a home on display but you can't part with!
- Tools to add color, IDEAS: tempera paint, crayon, marker, oil pastel, permanent markers, tempera paint, acrylic paint, spray paint
- EXTRAS: Tape, stickers, Fiber Scraps: yarn, ribbon, string



GATHER

Work together as a family to round up materials for your garland! Caregivers or parents should help cut down cardboard, egg cartons, or cereal boxes into similar sizes or shapes. Punch 1-2 holes through the places where you want to string. Here are some shape ideas for any paper flags you might cut down:



ADD COLOR + LAYER

Pick a color palette (cool colors like blue, green, purple OR warm colors like pink, orange, yellow) so that colors mix nicely when wet! OR - let colors dry between layers, Use brushes, stamps, sponges, or fingers. Once dry, add patterns or lines and designs with drawing tools.



PUNCH HOLES + PLAN

With an adult, punch holes in the top of your paper flags or through the center of lids or egg carton sections. Pieces with two holes will hang flat, pieces with one hole will dangle and twist. Lay out your pattern on the floor of how you want to arrange your garland. Cut a yarn or wire to length and tie one end or add a stopper bead.



STRING + SPACE

String all your pieces onto your yarn or wire, pushing objects along your string. Tie the other end with a loop or bead. Spread out your objects to space them out.



ADD THE EXTRAS

Fold stickers, washi tape, or masking tape over empty spots on the garland string so that the adhesive sides stick together. Decorate tape with marker designs and cut ends into a V or W shape. Tie string scraps on as mini fringe or pom pom spots. The more the better!



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