

## Gems in Trash

*An extension of "Modern fashion that glorifies our past"*

"Modern fashion that glorifies our past," (page 22, *What's Up* Aug 2017) tells the story of a very creative young lady from Singapore, Priscilla Shunmugam. She has become a successful fashion designer by making modern versions of traditional clothes. She often uses unusual eco-friendly material for her clothes.

Let's try and be creative designers as well. Creating art pieces by recycling things that were meant to be thrown away. Your art pieces can to be used as pendants or key chains.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Divide the class into groups of four or five.
2. Have a discussion to decide on a design and materials to be used to create your art piece. Materials can be canned food tabs, raffia, unused keys, bottle corks, small copper or brass pieces like tiny hinges from clothes pegs, and so on. You can use just about anything that is the size and the shape you are looking for. Make sure that the items selected are safe to use. There is no limit to the designs you can create with them
3. As an example, here is a pendant made of can tabs and raffia or thin coloured ribbon.



#### Instructions for pendant

- a. Arrange five to seven can tabs in a circle, overlapping over one another.
- b. Secure the can tabs tightly by weaving coloured raffia or thin ribbon through the overlapping holes in between them. Finally create a loop to allow it to be hung from a necklace or key chain.

4. Have fun with your creations – use them or give them away as gifts. Perhaps you will be the next great fashion accessory designer Singapore is waiting for.