

More Trash to Treasure

An activity of "Recycling Old Ideas to Reduce Waste"

Sometimes, old methods can solve modern-day problems. For some examples, read "**Recycling Old Ideas to Reduce Waste**" (page 8, *What's Up* March 2021). Like the two engineers in the story, you too can do your part. Follow these steps to repurpose something at home or school.

1. Watch the video "*39 smart repurposing ideas*" by 5-Minute Crafts FAMILY at <https://youtu.be/-aTfjh-mtSQ>.
2. Find an object to repurpose. You may choose something that is featured in the video or think of your own.
3. Describe how to repurpose this object in no more than six steps. Use the Instructional Writing checklist below while crafting your instructions.

Turning _____ to _____	
Step 1	
Step 2	
Step 3	
Step 4	
Step 5	
Step 6	

Checklist for Instructional Writing (<i>Tick those that apply to your steps above.</i> ↓)	
Has a clear title.	
Provides a list of required materials.	
Steps are numbered in the correct sequence.	
Uses imperative phrases (a "commander" tone) e.g. "gather the threads".	
Instructions are short, simple, and clear.	
Written in the Present Tense	
Written in the 2 nd Person e.g. "you", "yours".	
Concluding point(s) may include final words, tips, or safety warnings.	

4. Create an accompanying instructional guide using the comic strip template below to illustrate how it is done. (You need not use all six steps if you have fewer.)

HOW TO TURN A _____ INTO A _____

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Step 5:

Step 6:

5. Share your Instructional Guide with your friends. Encourage them to think of good repurposing ideas that all of you can easily carry out.
6. You can also share your repurposing idea with other *What's Up* readers by emailing letters@whatsup.sg. Make sure you add your full name, class, and school. If your letter is published, you will receive a prize.