

## Resources

Available at Hobsons Bay Libraries:

- *Creating the vintage look: 35 ways to upcycle for a stylish home* by Ellie Laycock
- *Get the most from your clothes* by Marion Elliott
- *Raw + material = art: found, scavenged and upcycled* by Tristan Manco
- *ReCraft: how to turn second-hand stuff into beautiful things for your home, family, and friends* by Sara Duchars
- *The Thrifty Gardener* by Millie Ross
- *Unbored: the essential field guide to serious fun* by Joshua Glenn
- *Upcycled accessories: 25 projects using repurposed plastic* by Tracie Lambe

## Websites

### Inspiration

- <http://www.boredpanda.com/creative-reuse-upcycling-repurposing-ideas/>
- [www.retrash.com](http://www.retrash.com)
- <http://www.viralnova.com/upcycled-products/>
- <http://roadkillrescue.net/>
- <http://www.bornagain-creations.com/>
- <http://mypoppet.com.au/>
- <http://www.recyclart.org/>
- <http://plasticbagbag.com/>
- <http://www.upcyclethat.com/>

### Salvage

- <http://www.thejunkmap.com.au/>
- <http://www.urbanbushcarpenters.org/>

*“Upcycling is up to your imagination!”*

Have we missed something? Let us know: [transitionhb@gmail.com](mailto:transitionhb@gmail.com)

## Transition Hobsons Bay

Transition Hobsons Bay is a community group who aim to inspire a resilient and healthy future for our neighbourhoods in the face of climate change and the end of cheap oil.

We are part of a growing number of Transition Town groups around the world who see a positive future created locally by communities.

We share knowledge, ideas, experiences and skills for a greener future, and importantly, we make sure we have fun! It's free to join, so get in the loop with activities, conversations and projects in your area.

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Think before you recycle.  
Can you upcycle?

# Upcycling Guide

*Creative inspiration  
for designing unique,  
useful and  
innovative items  
from discarded stuff*

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## “Everything old is new again”

Upcycling is not new. It’s been around for centuries – just ask your grandmother. In today’s throw-away society we need to **re-educate** ourselves to **re-use**, **re-design** and **re-invent** useful and beautiful items.

Transitions Hobsons Bay offers some ideas on how you can **reuse**, **repurpose** and **reimagine** items you might throw away.

### Plastic

Plastic drink bottles can be cut into a variety of items including cups, bowls, scoops or even a mini-hothouse.

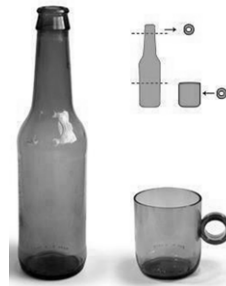
Plastic bags can be cut into lengths then weaved, knitted or crocheted into almost anything. Yarn made from plastic bags is called **plarn**!

Try this beach bag for starters:



### Glass

Glass bottles can be turned into chandeliers, lamp stands, glasses, vases, mosaics, garden borders and even greenhouses.



### Household items

Get clever and creative!

<b>Ladder</b>	bookshelf, trellis archway, pot stand/hanger
<b>Mattress</b>	vertical garden, gates, fences
<b>Cutlery</b>	wall hooks, wind chimes, napkin rings, garden markers
<b>Door</b>	tables, shelves, bookcase
<b>Furniture</b>	repaint, redesign, reupholster, remodel
<b>Pallets</b>	planter boxes, furniture

If you're not a DIY person, trade skills with another or ask a local business to make it.

### Fabric

Maria from the Sound of Music was an upcycler making play clothes from curtains.

<b>Old</b>	rag rugs, re-design into fashion
<b>Clothing</b>	items, memory quilts
<b>Jeans</b>	bags, skirts, cushions
<b>Curtains</b>	doona covers, play clothes

There are many inspiring patterns and designs for upcycling on Pinterest.

### Schools & kindergartens

Help your local school to upcycle. Find out what they need.

- Material (small and large pieces) in a variety of textures and ribbons.
- Craft materials & equipment
- Scrap paper, old greeting cards
- Wicker and metal baskets
- Milk bottle tops, wrappers/foil
- Small yoghurt/margarine containers
- Lids, corks, bread ties
- Cup-cake, biscuit and muffin trays
- Crockery, pots, cutlery
- Kitchen appliances (*Cords & batteries removed*)
- Garden pots, cuttings, seeds

### It’s up to you

Simply google ‘upcycling’ and the item you wish to re-use and an abundance of ideas and inspiration awaits you!



“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure”