

Theme: Recycled Arts and Crafts

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Hello StrongStart friends,

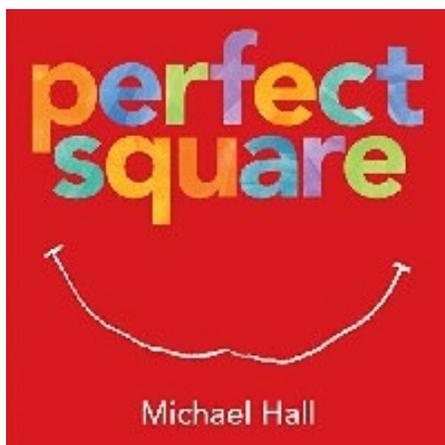
If you've got some recycling piling up, repurpose them into fun art and crafts! Today, we will share some easy crafts you can do at home with common recyclables.

Cracker/Cereal Boxes



Cracker and cereal boxes make for great puzzles. You can cut them up to different sizes depending on your child's age. Puzzles are great for fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, shape recognition and memory!

After putting your puzzles together, join Teacher Steven for a story called "The Perfect Square" by Michael Hall. - <https://youtu.be/Nj2cvJAgShY>



Empty Plastic Bottles



Empty plastic bottles make for great sensory activities for toddlers and I Spy games for preschoolers.

- Sensory Bottles: Fill empty bottles with beads, rice or dried beans for different sounds. You can add pompoms for some colour.
- I Spy Bottles: Gather all your small toys, figurines, cars and magnetic letters. Put them into the bottle with some fillers (e.g., rice or dried beans). Shake it up and ask your child to spy the items.

Make sure you glue the lid tight to avoid a giant spill! Hot glue gun works best.

Toilet Paper Rolls



Grab your paints, markers, stickers and glitter to make cool watches and/or bracelets!



Toilet paper rolls also make for great painting utensils. Cut one end of the roll for different patterns.

Now, let's join Teacher Issette for a short infant/toddler circle time where she explores baby faces and emotions - <https://youtu.be/idS5ZKDqCes>



Egg Cartons



If you have coloured pom poms, beads or counters, you can practice colour sorting. Likewise, egg cartons can be used for counting or shape sorting activities. If you don't have anything small enough, you can always cut small squares (or other shapes) from coloured construction paper.

To wrap up, Ms. Cindy will do a short circle time and read "Twinkle, Twinkle, ABC"

- <https://youtu.be/uISamWayv9U>



Thanks for reading!