**BOOKS & OTHER RESOURCES**

**GREAT IDEAS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**PINTEREST!**
I'm sure there are many other great resources on the WWW but Pinterest is my go-to place for fresh new ideas and where I organize my ideas.

**MINI BOOKS AND BOOK CRAFTS**

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**MIXED MEDIA & COLLAGE**

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**HOUSEHOLD DECOR AND SEWING**

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**GREEN CRAFTS**

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**HOLIDAY PAPERCRAFTS**

**CREATE DIVERSE CRAFTS USING OLD BOOKS**

**CARDS AND GIFT TAGS**

Old book pages, some colored paper, embellishments, rubber stamps, paints, paper punches and ribbons.

**FOLDED BOOK TREES/ART**

REuse old book pages, covers, and other materials to make and embellish mini books

**WREATHS**

Create using old books, ribbons, and even natural materials. Can be made year round for different seasons and holidays.

**GARLANDS**

Garlands are a year round home decor item celebrating many holidays and seasons. Books are a simple, fun medium for creating garlands.

**ORNAMENTS/DECOR**

Easy ornaments can be made using cookie cutters. Cut 6-8 of the same shape and glue or sew down the center, embellish, add a string and hang.

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**ARTIST TRADING CARDS**

**CREATE MINI WORKS OF ART TO SHARE, TRADE AND DISPLAY**

**A FEW SIMPLE RULES**

2 1/2" x 3 1/2" inches in size
Fit inside a trading card holder
Make plenty to trade

**THE MEDIUM**

ANY medium that can fit on the trading card will do. Painting, drawing, inking, sewing, mixed media, collage - anything goes!

**THEMES**

Create several of the same design, choose a theme for your own or a themed trade

**PAPER AND COLORING**

Any type of paper works - recycled books and paper work great. Simply dye them - India Ink, Stamping, Watercolors, flowers/plants/tea

**EMBELLISH**

Ribbon, sequins, old jewelry, colored paper, quotes/pictures, shrink plastic, stickers & gems, fabric, sewing, beads, etc.
**Repurposed Book Crafts**
Turning Discarded Books into Treasures

- **Folded and Cut Book Art**
  Using free patterns and a few basic supplies create beautiful art by folding pages or cutting pages with a craft knife.

- **Mini Books**
  Reuse old book pages, covers, and other materials to make and embellish mini books.

- **Origami**
  Use book pages as they are or dye/paint them then fold. Free patterns and origami books abound.

- **Book Cover Crafts**
  Purses, Accordion Files, Storage Boxes.

- **Paper Making and Dying**

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**Coffee Grounds**
Drink Your Coffee and Craft with It Too!

- **Exfoliating Scrub**
  The caffeine in coffee helps stimulate skin cells and promotes healthier, tighter skin. Simply add coconut oil, vitamin E oil or jojoba oil to coffee grounds and massage it on in the shower.

- **Add it to Your Compost**
  Coffee grounds can help increase nutrient levels and decrease the greenhouse gas emissions of your compost.

- **Bug Repellent**
  Coffee grounds contain compounds that are toxic to many insects. You can use your coffee grounds to repel mosquitoes, fruit flies, beetles and other pests.

- **Eliminate Odor**
  Coffee grounds can help absorb and eliminate odors from your refrigerator, gym bag or smelly shoes. Using them as a hand scrub can also help remove lingering smells from onion or garlic.

- **Use it as Natural Dye**
  Used coffee grounds are a great natural alternative to harsh chemical dyes. Simply steep them and use them to dye paper or fabric or darken brunette hair.

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**Pill Bottle Crafts**
PRACTICAL PILL BOTTLES

- **Storage Containers**
  Toothpicks, straight pins, needles, thumbtacks, headphones, cotton balls, Q-tips, safety pins, and more!

- **Travel Sized Sewing Kits**
  Insert a couple different sized needles and safety pins, a couple of buttons, a needle threader and several others to create your kit.

- **Miniature First Aid Kits**
  Band aids, tweezers, alcohol pads, antibiotic ointment packs, burn relief pack, Benadryl, and ibuprofen.

- **Hide-a-Key**
  Make a great weather-proof container. With a rock to disguise the top, you can tuck it into a rock garden or partially bury it to hide its location.

- **Rainbow Crayons**
  Instead of wasting those broken pieces, melt them into a pill box to make these awesome rainbow crayons.
DIY: NUTS & BOLTS JEWELRY
SCREWS, WASHERS, AND BOLTS

WASHER NECKLACE
at $50 you could help 15 homeless kids to eat delicious foods.

EARRINGS
at $50 you could buy 50 infant diapers to help parents without budget.

WIND CHIME
at $50 you could buy an anti-nausea medicine for a child who is fighting the effects of chemotherapy.

KIDS WHO LIKES ART
at $50 you could buy art materials such as watercolor and a sketch book.

KIDS WHO LIKES STUDYING
at $50 you could buy studying materials such as pencils, notebooks and the most important is books.

DIY: TERRARIUMS
WITH PROPAGATED SUCCULENTS & CREATIVE CONTAINERS

1. CHOOSE YOUR CONTAINER
Re-purpose clear glass, open top containers: spaghetti sauce, pickles, canning jars, etc.

2. 1ST LAYER: SMALL ROCKS
Fill the bottom of the vessel with a 1 1/2-inch layer of small rocks to collect the water drainage.

3. 2ND LAYER: SHEET MOSS
Soak dried sphagnum or sheet moss in water for a few seconds and squeeze out any excess liquid. Place the slightly damp moss onto the rocks, making sure it fills the entire surface area.

4. FILL WITH SOIL & PLANT YOUR SUCCULENT!
Scoop the soil into a funnel and fill the container with several inches of it. Plant your plants and don’t over water!

5. DECORATE YOUR JAR
Use old book pages, stamps, paper punches, and any embellishments you can think of to decorate your planter and make plant stakes.

ZERO WASTE PARTY KIT!
PARTY RESPONSIBLE WITH LITTLE TO NO WASTE!

COST OF DISPOSABLES
.02 per plastic utensil @ 15 = .30
.17 per napkin @ 15 = 2.55
.22 per plate @ 15 = 3.30
.13 per bowl @ 15 = 1.95
.14 Per cup @ 15 = 2.10
.27 per coffee cup @ 15 = 2.55
Total throw away cost for party of 15: $12.75

COST OF KIT
Average cost of one kit: $50.
Get creative and save more!
Shop garage sales, thrift stores and take inventory of your own home goods. Re-purpose fabrics for napkins and table clothes, etc.

KIT INCLUDES
• re-usable plates
• cups
• mugs
• napkins
• flatware, and serving utensils

AVERAGE TIME USED: 12 MINUTES.
LIFE IN THE LANDFILL: 500-1,000 YEARS.

For more info: kiddecharityhelp.com