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
- www.retrash.com
- http://www.viralnova.com/upcycled-products/
- http://roadkillrescue.net/
- http://www.bornagain-creations.com/
- http://www.recyclart.org/
- http://plasticbagbag.com/
- http://www.upcyclethat.com/

Salvage
- http://www.urbanbushcarpenters.org/

“Upcycling is up to your imagination!”

Have we missed something? Let us know: 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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“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 bottles can be turned into chandeliers, lamp stands, glasses, vases, mosaics, garden borders and even greenhouses.

**Household items**

Get clever and creative!

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<td>Furniture</td>
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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.

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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”