

## Learning Provocation: Upcycling Craft Activity

**Objective:** Encourage children to use their creativity to repurpose items, teaching them about the value of reusing materials instead of throwing them away.

### **Materials:**

- Old magazines, newspapers, fabric scraps, buttons, cardboard, and other recyclable materials
- Glue, scissors, markers
- Cardboard boxes or containers for organizing the materials

### **Steps:**

1. **Introduction:** Introduce the concept of upcycling—transforming used materials into something new and useful. Show examples, such as turning a cereal box into a toy house or creating art from bottle caps.
2. **Upcycling Activity:** Allow children to choose from a variety of recycled materials and create their own upcycled art or crafts. This could be a toy, a piece of art, or something useful.
3. **Discussion:** After the activity, gather children to share their creations. Discuss how their upcycled items would have ended up in the trash if they hadn't repurposed them.
4. **Reflection:** Ask the children to think of other items around their homes or school that could be upcycled and reused instead of being thrown away.

### **1. Coordination with Facilities**

As we are in the initial stages in the development of this outdoor program and learning area, we are planning on having all outdoor learning supports transportable. The mud kitchen, for example, can be easily lifted and moved indoors at the end of the outdoor learning time. Most supplies will be transported by a wagon and kept indoors. There are no plans at this point to have anything permanently fixed to the ground therefore there is no need to coordinate with facilities. I have provided pictures of outdoor classroom equipment that would be similar to what we are looking for.