

MAKE A NEW FRIEND!



The adventures of Milk, Juice, and their buddies at the end of the book can inspire kids to think more about recycling...and maybe even to make some newly recycled friends! Have fun getting REALLY creative with this activity! If you are working with young children in the classroom, you might need some extra volunteers!

Materials: Underlay
Clean and dry plastic containers (these could be collected over a few days)
Glue
Scissors
Various sized googly eyes
Permanent marker (optional)
Arts and craft odds and ends: strips of fabric, pipe cleaners, buttons, beads, pompoms, sequins, feathers...any little glueable thing!

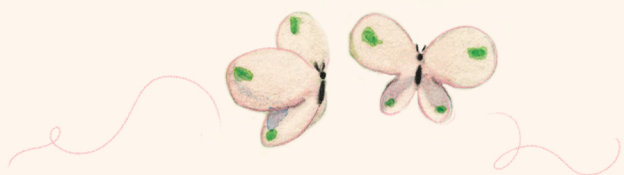
What Next?

Below are instructions for making a very simple friend. See the Visual Guide on the following pages for friends with a little bit of extra fun!

1. Put down an underlay.
2. Glue or stick on googly eyes.
3. Draw or glue on a nose (optional, sometimes it's cuter without).
4. Draw on a mouth using permanent marker.
If permanent marker is a scary option, you can glue on bits of string or pipe cleaner.
5. Glue on hair using yarn, a pompom, or construction paper. Get creative!
6. Let dry, then play!

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT...

- Why is it important to recycle?
- Who helps recycle at home?
- Is there anything in our space that has been recycled?
- Is there something you often have for lunch that has a recyclable container?
- Were you surprised that containers could turn into benches and toys?



MAKE A NEW FRIEND Visual Guide!



Hi! Are you going to make some friends, too?

Materials:



Collect some containers, assembly tools, and a bunch of fun arts and craft supplies!

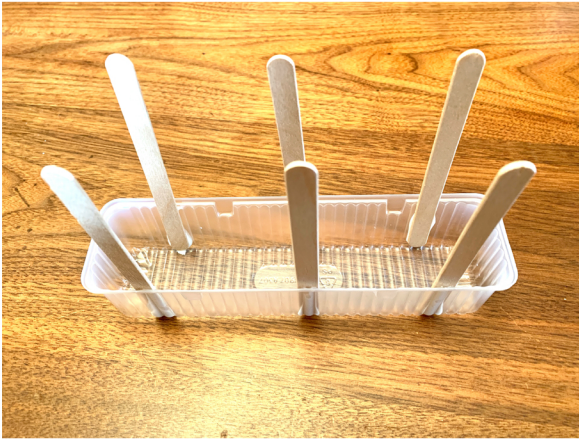


Don't forget the googly eyes!

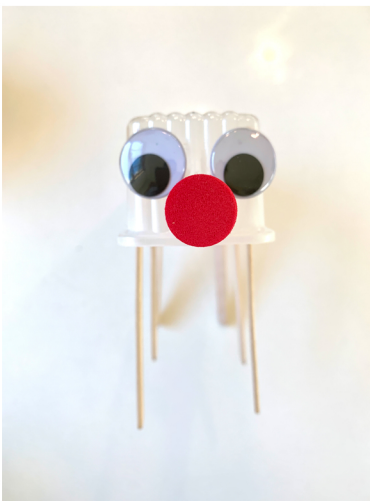
Your new friend can be really simple...just glue on some googly eyes and draw a mouth!



Or tall! Use popsicle sticks for long legs. I added a colorful nose,



some googly eyes (of course!), and feathers!



Some friends can have talking lids, fabric wraps, and pompom heads!



It's a good idea to glue and let different body parts dry before final assembly.



It's a movable mouth!

Some friends can be FURRY!

This friend's fur was cinched together a bit at the top of its container, so I used a rubber band to keep it in place while it dried.



And I glued the fur on its lid separately...
now it will be someone's secret treasure keeper!!!

Have fun! And share your
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