Gift box



Age 7+ (adult supervision)



30 minutes

Details

What you need

- 2 Pint (1 litre) plastic milk bottle
- · Self-sticking velcro pads
- · Stickers (for decorating)

Safety and Guidance



Precautions

Use safety scissors.

Brief students that the edge of the cut plastic may be rough. To avoid injury, they must not touch the sharp edge.

Overview

Almost 300 million metric tons of plastics are produced worldwide annually. This is equivalent to the entire biomass of all adults in the world. This activity helps students make a lovely gift box for a loved one whilst applying one of the 6 Rs, reusing. Illustrations are provided overleaf

Running the Activity

- 1. Prepare your area by clearing your desk, laying newspaper down and laying out all of the materials. Don't forget to wash out the bottle before use.
- Take the pen and draw a horizontal line around the bottle, approximately 10cm from the bottom. Then draw out a semi-circle above this line on each side and the front of the milk carton. These will be the flaps on your box.
- **3.** On the back, i.e. opposite the handle, measure up a further 10cm and draw a semi-circle above this line. In the picture above, you can see how the back section will fold over to be your lid.
- **4.** Squeeze the milk carton together at the top and cut into it. Then cut around the edges of each semi-circle.
- 5. Fold the flaps and the lid along the ridge in the milk bottle.
- Stick a velcro pad to the front of the bottle, just below the folded semicircle.
- 7. Attach the velcro pads together, removing the backing from the second pad and close the lid. This will stick the second pad in the right place.
- 8. Check and make sure your pads are on securely.
- **9.** Put in any gift from some wine gums to a diamond ring!

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