



ACTIVITY Take Home Reuse Projects



Make Your Own Milk Carton Wallet

Materials needed: milk carton, Velcro, scissors, ruler

1. Prep your milk carton.

Open the top, rinse it out, and let it dry completely.



2. Cut both sides of one panel from the top to the base.

Don't cut the panel off completely - leave it attached at the base!



3. Cut the sides down to size.

Measure 2 1/4 inches from the bottom of the carton.

Cut each of the three panels at that mark so they are all the same height.



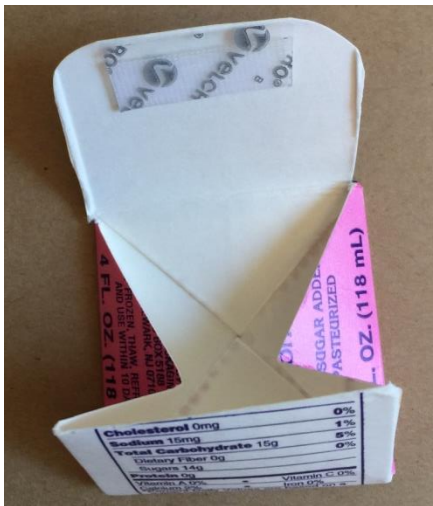
4. Make two diagonal cuts.

Cut diagonally from the bottom of the carton to the flap on both sides.



5. Fold the sides in.

Fold both sides of your carton in. This will make a flat pocket!



6. Attach your Velcro.

Pro tip: Stick both sides of the Velcro together, then remove the adhesive and attach it to the top flap. Remove the bottom adhesive and close the flap so that the Velcro is attached to the top flap and the body of the wallet.



Congratulations!

You just made a milk carton wallet!

Show off your REUSE skills by teaching a friend how to make their own milk carton wallet.

Create a Home Herb Garden with Used Items

Why use a used milk carton or jar or an egg crate to create your garden?

What happens to all those empty milk cartons and mason jars that once carried your milk, marinara or apple sauce? If you recycle at home, they end up at a large recycling plant where they're turned into other products. If you didn't recycle it, they end up in a landfill, where they do not belong! What if we could find another way to use the old jar instead of tossing it in the first place? Growing your favorite herb in your old containers is one clever way to reuse them. Your Zero Waste score doubles when you plant in your old containers because not only are you repurposing your waste, you are also creating food for your family. Way to go!

Milk Cartons



Plastic Milk Containers



Egg Crates



Mason Jars



Materials Needed:

clean, dry milk cartons or mason jars
stones or marbles
potting soil
roots or seeds

Instructions:

1. Pick your planter! Used milk containers and mason jars will need to be washed, then cut like the images above to create your planter.
2. If you choose to use milk cartons or containers, poke a few small holes in the bottom of them to ensure proper drainage. You won't do this if you chose mason jars.
3. If you selected mason jars, place a few marbles or small stones at the bottom of your jar. This helps with draining!
4. Fill your clean containers with organic potting soil leaving about 2 inches of room at the top
5. Place a few seeds or roots of your selected herb on top the soil. You could use the roots of a green onion (scallion), cilantro, thyme or mint.
6. If you used seeds, sprinkle a them a small layer of soil over them till they are covered. If you used a root, place a small bit of soil at the base of it.
7. Water your plant just enough to dampen the soil.
8. Repeat watering every couple of days and watch your reuse project grow!