



green *crafting*

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green accessories... *with Ease*

Moms and daughters love to share accessories. Or at least daughters love to borrow them! Making jewelry and other crafts is a great way to spend your time together. It's also nice when you create with the environment in mind, using minimal new materials, and reusing things you might have otherwise discarded. Here are five projects to get your recycling creativity going. Green there, done that!

Bracelet

What to use:

Plastic lid from a small container such as yogurt

Long piece of ribbon from a gift you have received

Scissors

What to do: Cut the center out of the lid so you are left with a ring. Tie the ribbon on to the ring and wrap it all the way around until all of the plastic is covered. Tie it off again and enjoy your one-of-a-kind bracelet. Brace yourself for compliments!

Ring

What to use:

Pull tab ring from a milk or juice carton

Stickers or a magazine,

Glue stick and scissors

What to do: Rinse and dry the pull tab ring. Attach stickers to the circular part of the tab. Or you can cut out small images from the magazine and glue them to the circle. Green bling!

Accessories Holder

What to use:

Memory card game cardboard grid, or another grid

Long piece of ribbon from a gift you have received

Scissors

What to do: Keep the grid its original size or cut it down to make smaller. Tie the ribbon on to one corner of the grid and start wrapping it around the outer and inner edges. Tie off the ribbon when you are done. Then tie a piece of ribbon to each of the top corners if you want a handle to hang it from. Attach barrettes to it, or bracelets or necklaces with clasps. Make a green scene.

Jewelry Box

What to use:

Washed and dried small plastic berry container

Wide ribbon, fabric or paper

Ribbon

Glue stick

Scissors

What to do: Glue a piece of fabric to the inside of the top and bottom of the box. Weave ribbon through the holes around the edges of the top and bottom of the box, and tie a bow with each piece if you want to. Fill with jewels!

Embroidery

What to use:

Piece of cardboard cut from a box or other packaging

Hole puncher, pen or skewer

String or ribbon

What to do: Carefully punch a lot of holes in the cardboard with a hole puncher, pen or skewer, making sure to aim away from yourself. Tie a long piece of string to the cardboard through one of the holes. Weave the string in and out of the holes making any pattern or no pattern at all! When you are done tie off the string and cut any excess. A hole in one!



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