

Recycling a plastic tub

Creating by Recycling



Make an inspiration board. Write a positive word to inspire you.



Use a white board marker so you can change your slogan.



Decorate your tub with patterns in colourful permanent markers.



You can use it as a storage box if you decide to keep the lid.



Use your tub as a plant pot. Just add some soil and plant some seeds.

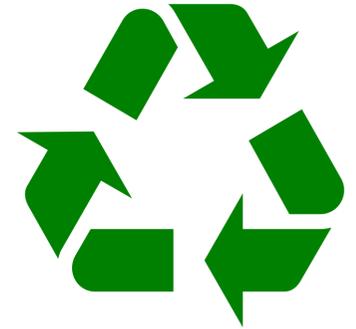


Why not use your box as a pen caddy to store all of your art supplies?

Recycling is so important and it is super easy to do. All it means is to re-use something instead of throwing it away.

In ideal world we would keep reusing things forever in a big circle.

What make might this difficult?



This is the recycling logo. Do you think it is a good logo? Why?



We can recycle lots of things like glass, cans, newspapers and most plastic packaging.

However, some things cannot be recycled so we should try and use as little as possible.

What could you recycle more?

What could you not use?

Below is a photo from a recycling factory. It shows the trash being organised so it can transform into something new.



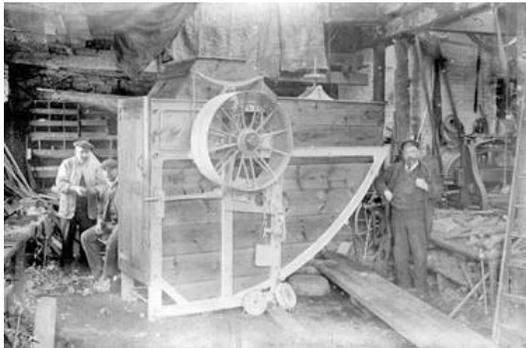
Kirklees & Recycling

Kirklees has a rich history of recycling that continues today.

In the past, the area was known for recycled textiles like shoddy and mungo. These are woollen fabrics made by recycling old and tired rags.

Today, yarn recycling is an important Kirklees industry.

Images below are from:
www.kirkleesimages.org.uk



Below is a still from a film all about yarn recycling in Kirklees. Find it here:
www.creativescene.org.uk



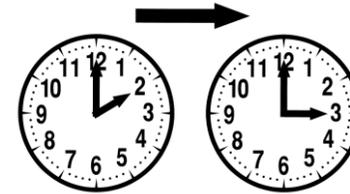
To the left you can see images of the Kirklees textile industry around 100 years ago.

The top picture is a rag grinding machine.

Underneath, you can see lots of rags being organised ready for recycling into the world famous shoddy fabric.



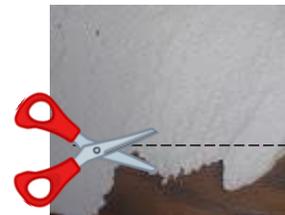
Rip up old paper until you have a pile that can fill around half of your plastic tub. Put your ripped paper in the tub.



Pour in water, pushing the paper down, until the paper is covered. Leave the paper to soak. Mix it well every hour.



Squeeze out any excess water until you get a pulp. On a flat surface put down a towel and a sheet of wax paper on top. Put a handful of the paper pulp in the middle and another wax sheet on top. Flatten the pulp into a thin layer using your hands, a plastic tub lid or a rolling pin.



Leave to dry for 24 hours. Then remove the wax sheets. Check that it is totally dry. Finally, if you want to you can cut off any rough edges using scissors. Ta-da, paper!