

Ignite the Imagination and Have Fun "Upcycling"

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What is Upcycling?

Upcycling is reusing a material without degrading the quality and composition of the material for its next use. Upcycling creates an object which adds more value than in its original state, extends the material's life, and is useful.

Why Should a Family Upcycle?

- * Facilitates interaction among family members
- * Creates a fun, unique, hands-on sensory experience for family members
- * Helps to continually reinforce and align with the curricular components of academic standards for the children in the family
- * Adapts easily to the developmental skills of each family member
- * Uses a wide variety of easily available, free recyclable materials
- * Gives new life and value to discarded materials
- * Changes a disposable item into a new and useful object, toy, learning game, book, or household item
- * Saves family financial resources
- * Helps preserve the earth's resources and environment, for not only the child and his family, but for all families and future generations

What Do the Child and His Family Learn by Upcycling?

- * Acquire a better understanding of the concept of upcycling of materials and its importance
- * Learn that many materials can be upcycled for a variety of uses
- * Realize that materials can be changed into something of greater value
- * Realize that home upcycling activities augment components of academic school standards in fun, unique and meaningful ways
- * Use imagination and creativity to make a learning material, game, book, or home item of lasting value
- * Develop a clearer and deeper understanding of upcycling to help preserve the earth's resources and environment

Home Activity

Teacher's Name

Date:

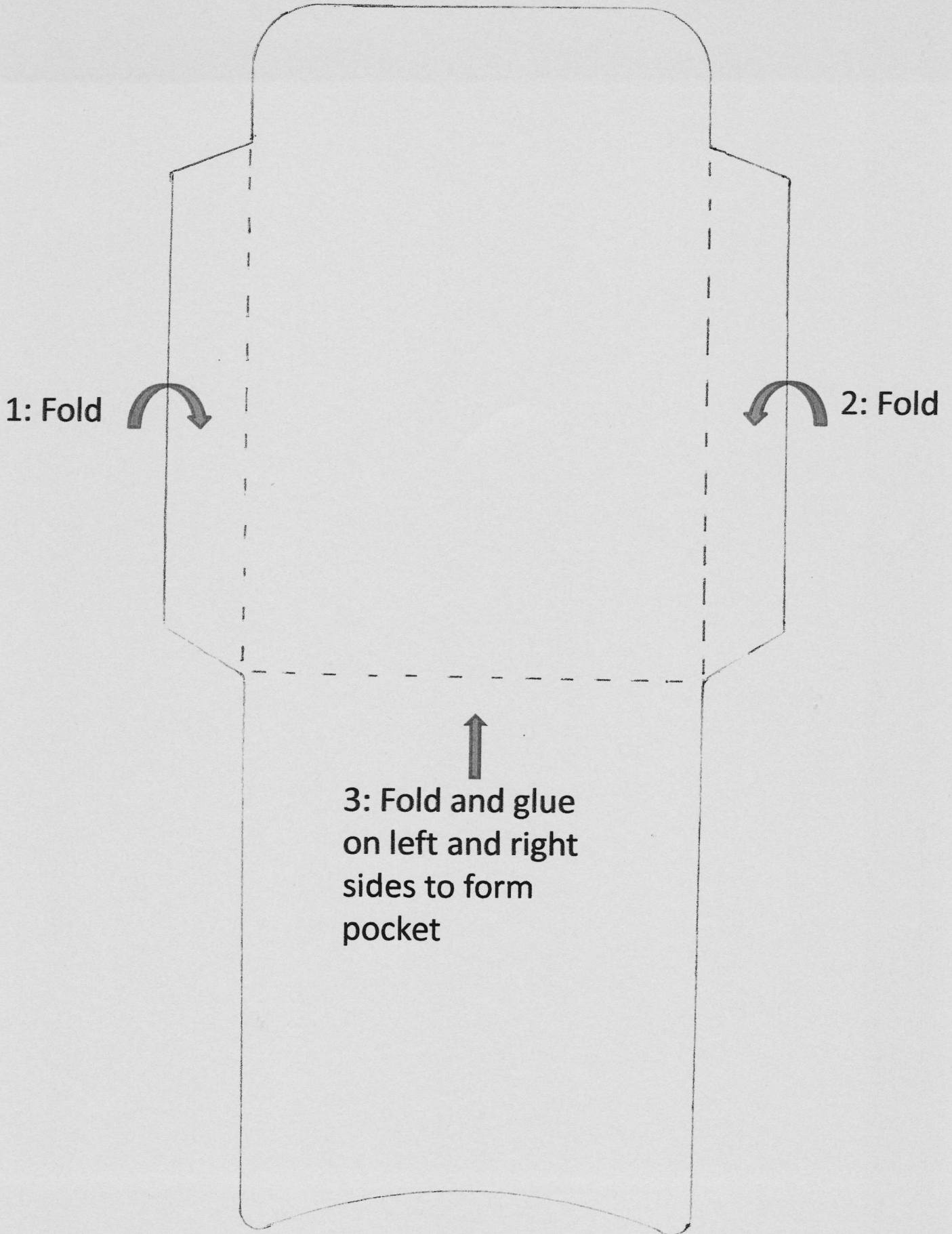
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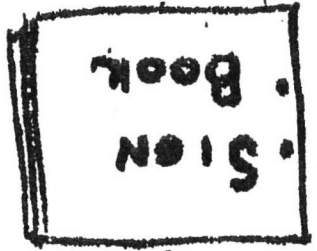
Learning skills enhanced by doing activity:

Directions for activity:

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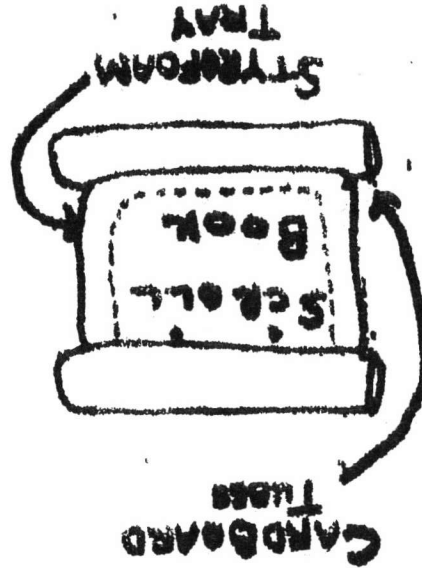




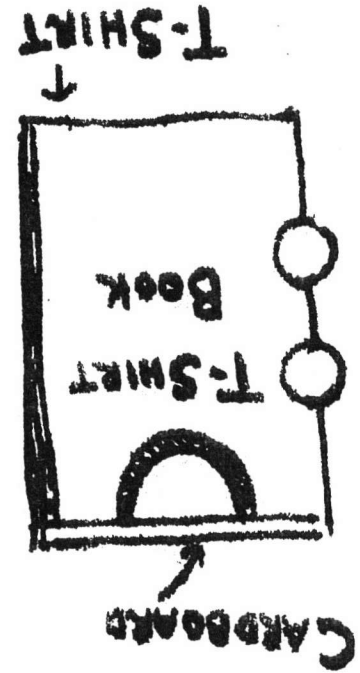
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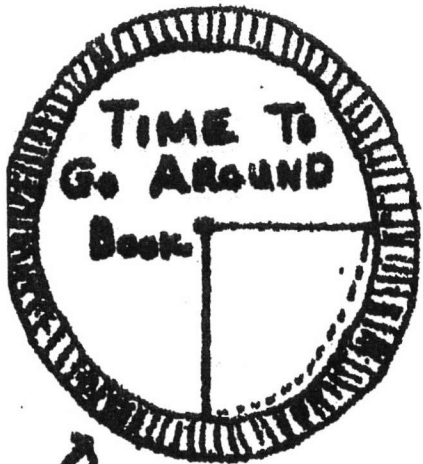
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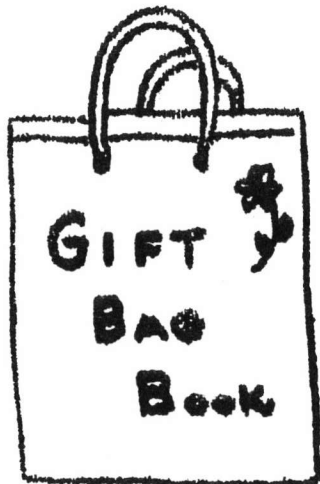
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