



Recycling Isn't Irrelephant

Did You Know? Gillmoss Materials Recovery Facility processes over 250 tonnes of recycling a day. That's the same as over 59 full grown elephants.

Gillmoss even has its own elephant made from the things you can put in your recycle bin. She's called 'Bin-Bin'. Why not make your own elephant from a plastic milk bottle with this simple craft activity.

This activity enables pupils to create an object from rubbish and can support discussion on why recycling is important and what we can do to help reduce the amount of waste we create.

Curriculum Links for this activity:

Art & Design.

PHSE: Preparing to play an active role as citizens.

Geography: environmental change and sustainable development.

Learning Outcome.

I will be able to follow instructions to make my own object. I will understand that when we use things no longer needed to make new things, it reduces waste.

You will need:

A clean and dry plastic milk bottle with its lid

Scraps of coloured paper or material

PVA glue and glue spreader

Scissors

Googly eyes



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Instructions:

1. Draw a line all around your bottle and draw an arch shapes on each of the 4 sides.



2. **CAREFULLY** cut through the bottom of the handle and then follow the lines to cut out your elephant.



3. Cover the surface of your elephant with PVA glue and then stick coloured paper squares all over the elephant in a patchwork pattern.

4. Once your elephant is completely covered in paper give it a coat of PVA to varnish.

5. Finally add some eyes (we've used googly eyes, but you could make your own with paper and pens).

6. Leave to dry.

