



## ***-Home items that can be reused or repurposed-***

### **Beginner**

- 1) Use old toilet paper rolls to hold extension cords.
- 2) Use old towels and sheets as rags.
- 3) Keep newspapers to use as packing material/wrapping paper.
- 4) Use empty berry boxes to plant new bulbs.
- 5) Envelopes can be used to hold seeds.
- 6) Save empty tissue boxes to use as mini garbage receptacles for cars, or keep them by a bed if you're too sick to dispose of used tissues.
- 7) Cut open toilet paper rolls and use as a cuff to save your wrapping paper and keep it from unrolling.
- 8) Use Chinese take out food containers (plastic) to store office supplies, dish sponge, or toys.
- 9) Cut the corners of envelopes off and use them as bookmarks over the corners of pages.
- 10) Save buttons for fun crafts like earrings.



## Advanced

- 1) Designate a place for scrap paper and use it for jotting down notes, lists, etc.
- 2) Use old plastic water bottles as funnels for oil or other things...just cut the bottom off first.
- 3) Empty lipstick containers can be used for travel sized sewing kit for containers for pins, needles, and hooks.
- 4) Save paper bags to use as book covers, mail packaging, or to put recyclables in.  
Tip: Placing unripe fruit/avocados in a paper bag helps them to ripen faster!

## Pro

- 1) Use empty tin cans for paint mixing or to put under dishes as a makeshift cooling rack.
- 2) Reuse dryer sheets for:
  - Camping gear fresheners
  - Repel rodents
  - Cleaning electronics
- 1) Egg cartons (Non-Styrofoam) can be helpful homemade kindling.
  - Tip: Fill the cartons with dryer lint and wax from old candles or crayons to make free fire starters.

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# BONUS—how to reuse a yogurt tub or take out container!

- 1) Store bulk dry foods.
- 2) Make a kid's piggy bank.
- 3) Make a rustic-looking vase!
- 4) Store pens, pencils, and crayons.
- 5) Dog/cat scoop.
- 6) Planter for starter seeds.
- 7) Store small (very small) toys in them or use it as a toy stand.
- 8) Use it as a travel toiletries container.
- 9) Hold pictures.
- 10) Hold musical instrument misc. equipment (ex. Tuner or metronome)

