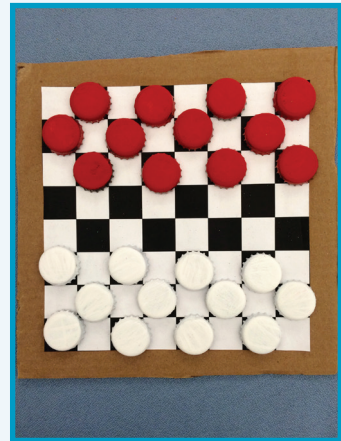


## ACTIVITY (TAKE-HOME): UPCYCLING CRAFT PROJECT

A day or two before this activity, ask participants to start saving cool trash or recycling items from home like empty plastic bottles, bottle caps, soda cans, tissue boxes, etc. Advise them to wash and dry items thoroughly and bring the clean items for an activity.

(Optional) Before your cleanup, remind participants to keep cool or interesting items out so they can be cleaned and used for an upcycling activity.

For additional upcycling craft ideas, please refer to the activity bank online.



**OBJECTIVE:** Participants will learn about the art of upcycling and how to take items that normally would be thrown away and repurpose them into an arts and crafts project.

### **MATERIALS:**

- Plastic bottle caps varying in sizes and colors
- Permanent markers
- Googly eyes (preferably with sticker backs)
- Scrap/recycled paper
- Glue (if using pipe cleaners or magnet strips)
- (Optional) Pipe Cleaners
- (Optional) Magnet strips

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Allow each participant to select one or two bottle caps.
2. Pass out the decorating supplies (googly eyes, markers, etc.)
3. Show examples of already made bottle cap monsters/faces.
4. Allow participants to decorate their bottle caps using their own creative ideas.
5. Assist younger participants with permanent markers!
6. Use self-adhesive round magnets, or use the following instructions with magnetic tape.
  - Pass out strips of 1" pre-cut magnet strips along with two bottle caps, one smaller than the other.
  - Glue the smaller of the bottle caps face up inside the other cap to create a platform on which the magnet strip can be stuck.
  - Have participants decorate the front of the bottle cap however they'd like using the art supplies.
  - Stick the magnet strip to the back (onto the second bottle cap) to create a magnet.
7. See activity bank for other bottle cap upcycling ideas.