

You are what you eat

Names of Artists: Ben Parmeter, Carter Lachman, Waylon Purney

Date of Completion: May 24 2023

Animal: Bluegill

Recycling Word: Respect

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

Cans were our main usage in this piece because if you look closely the scales of the fish are made out of old soda cans. Our word was also cut out of cans. We painted the letters orange because we needed them to pop more. We then outlined them in string to amplify how visible they are.

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

As the title claims You Are What You Eat some fish eat anything that they find and when people eat fish they eat trash.

How does this impact you personally?

This piece regards us personally mainly because we live in the heart of the Midwest, with many lakes and rivers. Bluegill being a particularly popular fish in the area (for eating and otherwise) is an incredibly important piece in our local ecosystems. In many areas, lots of pollution has happened and this makes it hard for these creatures to live.



A Rat's Eye View: The Chemistry of Garbage

Names of Artists: Sarah Faucheux, Santana Yang, and Heidi Schultz

Date of Completion: May 26, 2023

Animal: Turtles

Recycling Word: Remember

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

Plastic grocery bags, foam, paint, cans, water bottles, glue, nails, screws, and staples.

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

We want people to seek alternatives first before putting stuff in the trash.

How does this impact you personally?

It's nice to see some of this trash being used in art instead of ending up in landfills.

<p>Name: Heidi</p> 	<p>Name: Santana</p> 	<p>Name: Sarah</p> 
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Names of Artists: Elliot, Brecken, Tommy

Date of Completion: May 26, 2023

Animal: Deer

Recycling Word: Reduce

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

We used lots of foam, rope/wire, plastic bottle caps, bird seed bags, cans, plastic, wire, tile insulation, and tape.

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

It affects wildlife when you choose not to recycle. Anything that goes to the landfill can make its way into the most unlikely places. There are microplastics in your bloodstream right now.

We want to communicate to other people that we can help the environment by reducing the plastic we use.

How does this impact you personally?

It affects our health and recreation when we make bad choices. If we pollute, the deer population goes down and we can't hunt anymore. It's a vital part of the ecosystem.

Name: Elliot



Name: Brecken



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Names of Artists: Gavin, Max, Jaxon

Date of Completion: May 26, 2023

Animal: Heron

Recycling Word: Return

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

We used a bicycle as the head for the heron. We used foam as the body structure and covered it with shades cut out into feathers. We also went above the standards and made a frog.

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

Recycle, it's easy. Most people don't think of it but you should because you don't want all that stinky junk around your neighborhood.

How does this impact you personally?

Name: Max



Name: Gavin



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Names of Artists: Lauren, Brenten, Amelia (Moonlight)

Date of Completion: 5-26-23

Animal: Fox

Recycling Word: Repair

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel

Garbage bag, Foam, Nails, Bottle caps, Eye contact case, Rubber tube, Ribbon, Straws, Red netting, orange bag, metal pipe,

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

We can all help the planet if we recycle more than throw away. If we value the earth and marine life, we should take good care of them by not polluting the earth and ocean.

How does this impact you personally?

Well every time I eat fish, I'm eating trash. - Lauren

Name: Moonlight



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Names of Artists: Freddy, Adon, Avery

Date of Completion: Friday, May 26, 2023

Animal: Owl



Recycling Word: *Repurpose*

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

Cans, Blinds, Lids, Foam, Rubber Mat, TV, Electronic parts

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

Repurpose trash. Make less plastic, Make more things out of metal. Buy less things that are made out of plastic.

Name: Freddy	Name: Avery	Adon
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Names of Artists: Miles Purney, Ethan Leonard, Danylo Felts

Date of Completion: May 26th

Animal: Garter Snake

Recycling Word: Refuse

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

We used lots of plastic plates, cans, shreds of packaging, fabrics, door mat, garden hose, cut up bottles, caution tape. We also used old cutting boards and cans for our text.

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

With this art piece, we wanted to showcase how trash can be refused for one purpose, and reused for another. The water flowing represents being able to adjust to any situation. The green showcases the beauty of this region, and the yellow holds a warning about single use plastics, and the dangers of pollution.

How does this impact you personally?

We feel this piece impacts us because we got to see the effect trash has on the environment. Once you focus on all the plastic you see, it keeps coming. And with this piece, we hope we can help people to see all the plastic, and use less.

Name: Miles Purney	Name: Ethan Leonard	Name: Danylo Felts
		

A Rat's Eye View: The Chemistry of Garbage

Names of Artists: Linnaea, Aly, Mirie

Date of Completion: May 26, 2023

Animal: Bear

Recycling Word: Rethink

What materials did you repurpose to make your art panel?

We used foam for the head, ears and claws. We used plastic bags and hangers for the background. We used old rugs to cover up the foam on the bear. We used plastic forks and spoon ends for the teeth. Yarn was used for the word. We used insulation for the background.

What message do you want to communicate regarding recycling?

Recycling is a very important part of the world, recycling can help the environment and animals from going extinct.

How does this impact you personally?

I would say it helps me become more conscious of what I am putting into the environment. For example, I will think before buying plastic items or something that can't decompose, think if there's a different way to reuse the plastic or if there's an object that can replace the plastic item. Such as reusable cups/mugs instead of single use plastic cups.

<p>Linnaea</p> 	 <p>Aly</p>	 <p>Mirie</p>
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