



Recycle Crafting Ideas



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Crafting with recycled materials transforms waste into unique, eco-friendly creations while reducing landfill waste. Using items like old magazines, fabric scraps, and plastic packaging, Cricut crafters can create beautiful, sustainable projects with a personal touch.



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3D Paper Flowers



Materials

- Old magazines, junk mail, or newspaper
- Cricut machine (Explore or Maker series)
- LightGrip cutting mat
- Flower SVG cut files (or use Cricut Design Space)
- Glue or double-sided tape
- Floral wire (optional for stems)



Step-by-Step

Choose & Prepare Paper:

1. Select colorful pages from magazines or junk mail.
2. Flatten them under a book if needed.

Upload & Cut:

3. Open Cricut Design Space and select a 3D flower design.
4. Place paper on the LightGrip mat and cut using the "Copy Paper" setting.

Assemble the Flower:

5. Curl petals using a pencil or dowel.
6. Layer petals from largest to smallest, securing with glue.
7. Attach a floral wire stem if desired.

Final Touches:

8. Add glitter, ink edges, or shape petals for a realistic look.
9. Use as home décor, gift toppers, or greeting card embellishments.



02

Using Scrap Cardstock



Materials

- Scrap cardstock or old greeting cards
- Cricut machine & Fine-Point Blade
- Cricut StandardGrip mat
- Scoring stylus (if making folded cards)
- Glue, markers, and embellishments



Step-by-Step

Select & Prep Cardstock:

1. Use leftover cardstock, old greeting cards, or cereal box liners.

Design & Cut in Cricut Design Space:

2. Choose a simple card design or create a custom one.
3. Load the cardstock and cut.

Assemble & Decorate:

4. Attach layers using glue or foam dots for a 3D effect.
5. Add recycled paper flowers, buttons, or washi tape.

Final Touches:

6. Write a message and embellish with markers or ink stamps.
7. Pair with an upcycled envelope for an eco-friendly touch.



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Layered Wall Art



Materials

- Cereal boxes or food packaging
- Cricut Maker or Explore series
- Deep-Point Blade (for thicker cardboard)
- StrongGrip mat
- Acrylic paint, markers, or Mod Podge
- Glue or foam tape for 3D layering
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Step-by-Step

Prepare the Cereal Box:

1. Cut out large flat sections and remove waxy liner.

Design & Cut Layers:

2. Select a layered SVG (mandala, silhouette, or geometric design).
3. Cut each layer from a different part of the cereal box.

Assemble & Paint:

4. Stack layers using glue or foam tape for depth.
5. Paint or decorate the design.

Final Touches:

6. Frame or mount on canvas for unique wall art.



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Fabric Applique



Materials

- Old fabric (T-shirts, jeans, sheets)
- Cricut Maker with Rotary Blade
- FabricGrip mat
- HeatnBond or fabric glue
- Iron or EasyPress



Step-by-Step

Prepare the Fabric:

1. Wash and iron old fabric to remove wrinkles.
2. Apply HeatnBond if using an iron-on technique.

Design & Cut in Cricut Design Space:

3. Choose an appliqué design and cut the fabric with the Rotary Blade.

Attach to New Fabric or Project:

4. Iron on with HeatnBond or sew onto a new piece of fabric.

Final Touches:

5. Use on clothing, tote bags, or quilts for a sustainable design.



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No-Sew Tote Bag



Materials

- Old T-shirts or pillowcases
- Fabric scissors or Cricut Rotary Blade
- Cricut Iron-On Vinyl
- EasyPress or iron



Step-by-Step

Cut & Shape the Tote Bag:

1. Cut off sleeves and neckline if using a T-shirt.
2. Use a simple Cricut pattern to cut fabric for a structured bag.

Design & Apply Iron-On Vinyl:

3. Cut a custom design from HTV and press onto the bag.

Assemble the Bag:

4. Use fabric glue or tie fringes at the bottom for a no-sew option.

Final Touches:

5. Personalize with additional iron-on elements.



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Fabric Stickers



Materials

- Fabric scraps
- Double-sided adhesive sheets
- Cricut Maker
- FabricGrip mat



Step-by-Step

Cut Fabric into Sticker Shapes:

1. Adhere double-sided adhesive to the fabric.
2. Use Cricut to cut out fun shapes.

Apply Stickers to Projects:

3. Stick onto notebooks, glass jars, or walls.



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Plastic Stencils



Materials

- Clear plastic from food containers
- Cricut machine with Deep-Point Blade
- StrongGrip mat



Step-by-Step

Flatten & Cut Plastic:

1. Select a stencil design and cut from plastic packaging.

Use for Crafting:

2. Paint over furniture, walls, or fabric.



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Keychains & Jewelry



Materials

- Old gift cards, credit cards, or plastic lids
- Cricut Deep-Point Blade
- Hole punch & keychain rings



Step-by-Step

Cut Plastic Shapes:

1. Cut fun shapes like hearts or initials from plastic.

Decorate & Assemble:

2. Use paint, vinyl, or markers.
3. Attach keychain rings for custom accessories.



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Vinyl Stickers



Materials

- Empty glass jars (from pasta sauce, etc.)
- Cricut Permanent Vinyl
- Transfer tape



Step-by-Step

Design & Cut Labels:

1. Create label designs in Cricut Design Space.
2. Cut from vinyl and apply with transfer tape.

Final Touches:

3. Add twine or embellishments for a rustic look.



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