



Recreation Recycles

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Insulated Cooler Bag Projects

If you are getting a lot of single-use insulated cooler bags, here's some ideas of how to turn them into other useful items. Always keep some on hand in case you need an insulated bag to send someone home with leftovers or to bring a cold dish to a party but the others can be fun to craft with and turn into fun projects!



Recycling Tip:

Single use insulated bags and other insulated materials are not acceptable in Middletown's recycling program. Insulated packing material must go in the trash. Watch the video for more details! Video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/lGe-WGeVehw>.

Recreation Recycles is brought to you by the Middletown Recreation Department and the Middletown Recycling Coordinator. For more information on recycling, contact the Middletown Recycling Coordinator at 860-638-4855 or kim.orourke@middletownct.gov or go to: <https://www.middletownct.gov/1139/Recycling-Presentations>.

CRAFT PROJECT WITH COOLER BAGS



Decorations—Cut hearts or stars or any other kind shape out of the bags and tie them on to a branch, yarn or string to make a mobile or wall decoration. Perfect for snowflakes falling in winter!

Coin Purse—Cut bag to the size you want (wallet, phone or coin purse), fold up the bottom, tape or sew the sides, then fold down the top and cut it at an angle and put a piece of Velcro so it stays shut. Decorate with washi tape, markers or buttons.

Car Sun Shield— Measure your windshield so the sizing is correct. Using packaging or duct tape, tape bags together to make the correct size. Cut holes in the two upper corners and put string through to hang on the visors or put small pieces of Velcro on the windshield and the shield.

Lunch Box—Make a lunch box similar to the wallet or coin purse. Just adjust the size and add a handle if you need it!

Wrapping Paper—these bags can make a shiny wrapping for any gift. Wrap it up and decorate with ribbon or twine.

