

This Coloring Book Can Make Your Town **Clean & Green**



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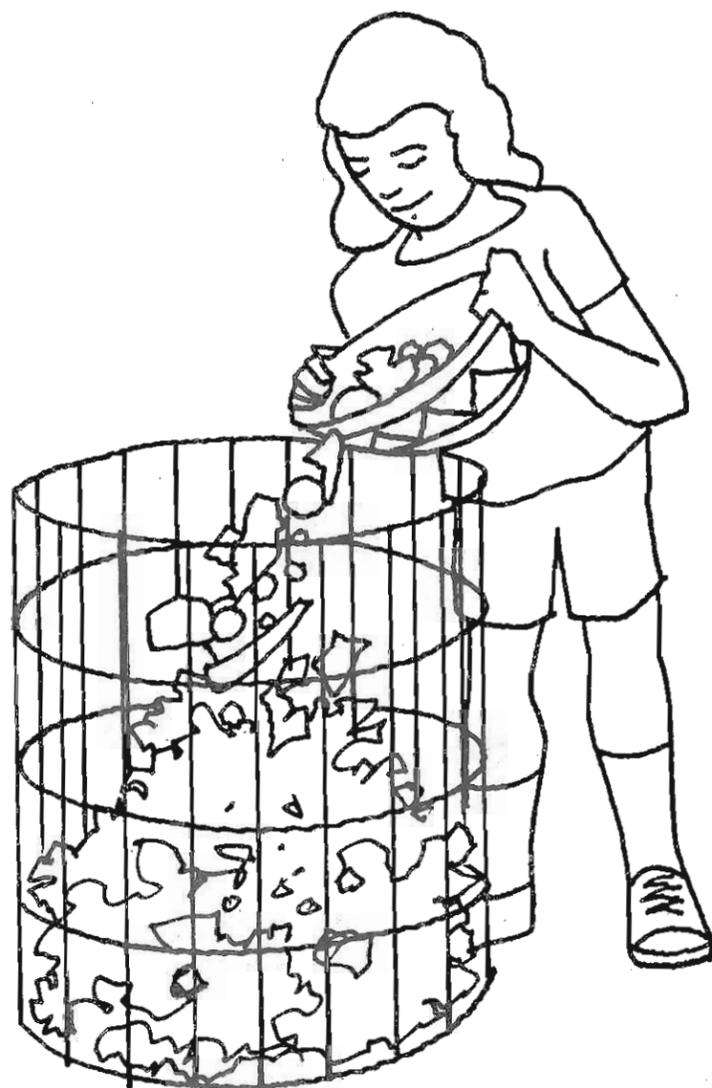
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Help keep your town
and the whole world
cleaner and greener.
Start at your house and

REDUCE

the amount of trash and
garbage your family throws out.



START A COMPOST
PILE FOR FOOD SCRAPS.
USE IT TO FERTILIZE YOUR GARDEN.



FIX A BROKEN TOY.
DON'T THROW IT OUT



BRING YOUR OWN BAG
TO THE STORE.



SAVE SCRAP PAPER FOR
NOTES AND LETTERS. USE
BOTH SIDES.

THINK OF MORE IDEAS!

RE-USE

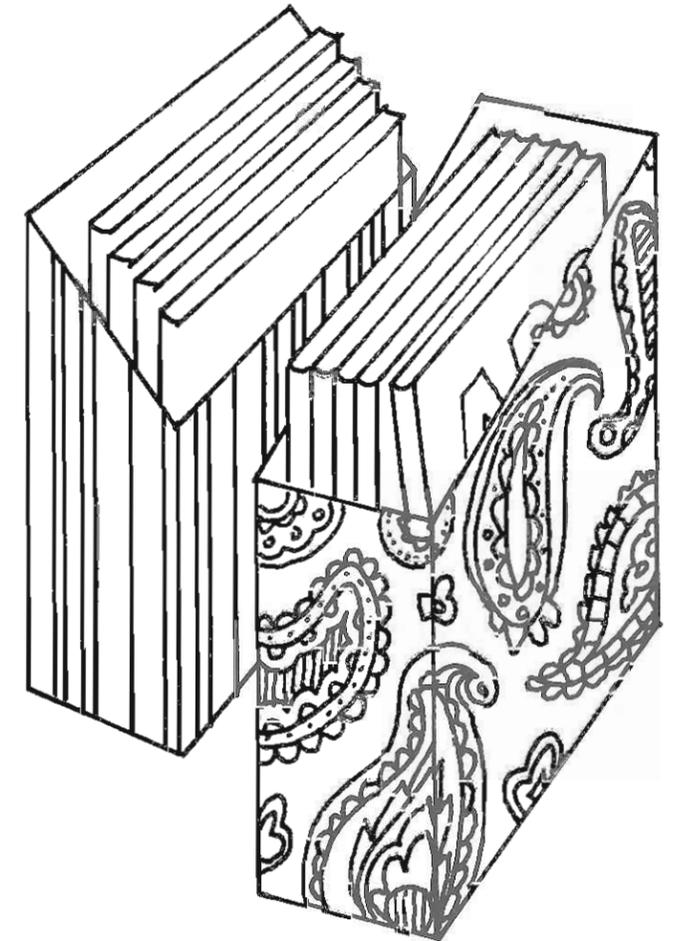
everything you can. It saves energy, resources and raw materials.



DECORATE CANS AND JARS WITH COLORED TAPES, DECALS AND STICKERS. USE THEM AS STORAGE CONTAINERS. OR FILL THEM WITH CANDY AND GIVE THEM AS GIFTS.

EGG CARTONS MAKE GOOD ORGANIZERS FOR SMALL ITEMS IN THE WORKSHOP OR OFFICE.

CUT-DOWN PLASTIC JUGS MAKE VERY USEFUL FUNNELS OR SCOOPS.



DECORATED CEREAL OR CRACKER BOXES MAKE GREAT FILE BOXES FOR MAGAZINES, RECIPES AND LETTERS.

ALWAYS HAVE AN ADULT HELP WHEN USING SCISSORS OR OTHER SHARP TOOLS.

YOU CAN THINK OF MANY MORE IDEAS!

RECYCLE

Be part of your town's
Recycling Program.
Get your friends involved.

everything you can!
More and more new products
are being made from recycled
materials. You can help.



A 10-FOOT STACK OF NEWSPAPERS
CAN BE RECYCLED INTO NEW BOOKS
AND PAPER GOODS TO SAVE A
TREE FROM BEING CUT DOWN.

EVERY SODA CAN THAT'S
RECYCLED SAVES ENOUGH
ELECTRIC ENERGY TO RUN
YOUR TV FOR THREE HOURS!

A CLEANER, GREENER WORLD IS UP TO EVERYBODY!

A clean and green

CHECKLIST

How many of these things are you doing? How many can you do?

- Save water when you brush your teeth. Wet your toothbrush, then turn off the water while you brush and turn the water on again only to rinse out your mouth and the toothbrush.
- Recycle your newspapers. If everyone in America recycled their newspapers we'd save 250 million trees every year.
- Hold on to your balloons. If you let them float away they can end up somewhere animals can swallow them and be harmed.
- Next time you go to the beach or an outing, take along a trash bag and spend a few minutes picking up litter.
- Ask your parents to use rechargeable batteries in your toys that run on batteries.
- Remember to close the refrigerator door as soon as you finish using it.
- Remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room even if you're gone just a few minutes.
- When you're going somewhere—ride your bike or walk instead of driving.
- Dress for the weather. When it's warm, dress appropriately. When it's cold, wear layers of clothing. This will help you to cut down on air conditioning in the summer and heating in the winter and save a lot of energy.
- Recycle your aluminum cans— you can run a TV for about 3 hours on the energy it takes to produce one aluminum can.
- Plant trees. If every person in America planted just one tree, there would be 250 million of them cleaning the air and making the earth a greener and happier place to live.
- Be extra careful when you throw away the plastic six pack rings that hold your soda cans. Animals often get hurt by six pack rings when they wind up in the water. Always cut up used six pack rings and dispose of them properly.
- Check your house for hidden water leaks. Look at the faucets and the shower heads to see if they are leaking water. If so, tell your parents.
- Buy tuna that is caught without harming dolphins. Many companies now advertise "dolphin-safe" tuna.
- Ask your parents about composting some of your garbage for use in your gardens later.
- Have your mother pack your school lunch in a reusable container.
- Use less paper by writing on both sides.
- Ask your parents to bring home used paper from the office that you can use for writing or drawing on the blank side. Help your parents sort the items for recycling. Recycling cuts down energy use and the use of our precious natural resources.

