

# MATERIALS

## Start Saving...



Save the Planet while you recycle household materials for fun and learning! They are essential for so many **Purple Cow @ Home** activities like making junk sculptures, an obstacle course, puppets and puppet stages, a marble raceway, a family photo tree.

Items that appear to be *useless* can be totally transformed. For example, jar lids can turn into photo frames; egg carton cups can become puppet faces and cardboard tubes can serve as the crossbars for a decorative mobile! Start saving those leftover wrapping paper and tissue paper “scraps” for an artsy collage. There are so many examples of “beautiful junk.”

The easiest place to store these items rescued from the recycling bin is a **shopping bag** which being portable with carrying handles can be hung on any door knob in your house! Here is a list of what to pop into your shopping bag:

### Food containers

- egg cartons
- six-pack holders
- berry baskets
- yogurt cups
- cans
- plastic tubs & lids
- cereal boxes
- styrofoam food trays

### Cardboard items

- toilet paper tubes
- packing boxes
- paper towel tubes
- gift boxes
- coat hanger tubes
- oatmeal cartons

### Paper items

- bags
- magazines
- wrapping paper scraps
- newspapers
- tissue paper scraps
- junk mail envelopes

### Cloth items

- fabric scraps
- odd gloves & mittens
- string/yarn/ribbon
- odd socks, stockings

## Odds & Ends

- corks
- rubber bands
- popsicle sticks
- bottle caps (metal & plastic)
- spools
- acorns, nuts, pinecones
- jar lids
- buttons



**Purple Cow Tip:** Don't toss wrappings from gifts you receive...roll them up and add them to your bag of saved materials.



## Basic Supplies

Most households already have the store-bought supplies needed for activities on this website; however, grocery stores have just about anything you would ever be missing at home. Following is a list of the most often needed items for **Purple Cow @ Home**:

- Crayons
- Masking tape; cello tape
- Food coloring
- Markers (washable & permanent)
- Pens, pencils
- Paint & paint brushes
- Scissors
- Paper plates
- Paper clips
- School glue
- Paper cups
- Envelopes
- Construction paper
- Paper towels
- Tissue & crepe paper
- Glue stick
- Straws
- Popsicle/craft sticks



**Purple Cow Tip: You can print these handy lists and post them!**