



# Recreation Recycles

January

## Upcycled Pill Bottle Snowman

### Materials Needed:

- Empty pill bottle,
- White and black paint or spray paint
- Old Buttons
- Scrap Felt or ribbon
- 2 small twigs
- Black marker
- Hot glue gun



### Recycling Tip:

Pill Bottles are too small to recycle in our program. If you don't reuse them, they have to go in the trash.

*Why?* The recycling facilities are designed with all kinds of conveyors and blowers and separators to segregate all the different types of materials. This machinery has screens with two inch holes. So anything that is smaller than 2 inches in diameter falls through the holes and becomes residue and either contaminates the glass or just becomes trash.

### How to do it:

1. Clean the pill bottle and remove all labels.
2. Once dry, take the lid off and paint the lid black and the bottle white. Its bests to do multiple light coats instead of one heavy coat.
3. Gather two twigs, 2 buttons, and cut a long rectangle out of your scrap felt.
4. Once the paint dries, put the lid back on.
5. Hot glue the buttons on first.
6. Hot glue the felt scarf around the bottle.
7. Hot glue the twigs to the side of the bottle.
8. With a permanent marker, draw a face on the snowman!
9. Enjoy!

*This project was taken from a blog written by Bonnie Getchell. Thanks Bonnie for the great idea!! Watch the Middletown Recreation Video on how to make this recycled craft at:*

For more information on recycling, contact the Middletown Recycling Coordinator at 860-638-4855 or [kim.orourke@middletownct.gov](mailto:kim.orourke@middletownct.gov) or find go to: <https://www.middletownct.gov/190/Recycling>.