



City of Middletown Recreation Recycles



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Fall Puzzle Tree

Here's a fun fall craft project using used paper bags and leftover puzzle pieces!

Materials Needed:

- Cardstock paper
- Brown paper bag
- Random puzzle pieces
- Red, yellow, orange and green paint
- Small paper plate
- Paint brush, Glue



Recycling Tip:

It's best to use a reusable lunch box, but if you have to occasionally use paper bags, make sure they are made out of recycled paper and use them over and over until you can't anymore. Then, recycle them or use them for a craft project such as this!



If you have puzzles missing pieces, save them and use them for projects such as this. Puzzle pieces are too small to recycle, so if you do get rid of them, they have to do in the trash.



Directions

1. Make your tree trunk and branches by cutting strips off the paper bag and scrunching them up. Then glue them to the cardstock.
2. Use the puzzle pieces for the leaves. You can paint them. You can give them a marbled effect by squirting different colored paints on a paper plate and swirling them together. Then, dip your paint brush into the paint and onto the back side of the puzzle piece.
3. While the pieces are drying, paint grass on the bottom of the page.
4. Once the pieces are dry, glue them all over the tree. Try to overlap some, so it adds dimension. Enjoy your tree!

For more information contact recycling@middletownct.gov or watch the Recreation Video here: <https://youtu.be/bZ6iX729g1k>.

This project was taken from www.iheartcraftythings.com. They also have a really cute apple tree made out of green tissue paper, toilet paper roll and red buttons!