



# The Kid's Guide To Service Projects: Over 500 Service Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make a Difference



## IN A NUTSHELL

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### SUBJECT

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Health  
Language Arts  
Science  
Social Studies

This small book contains over 500 service project ideas on a number of topics. It includes a unit on environmental concerns as well as related information on animals and health. Eight projects are listed under the heading of "Environment", and focus on planting trees and recycling. The introductory chapter provides suggestions on making projects successful such as conducting research, doing prior planning and conducting evaluations afterward. The final chapter addresses "how-to's" such as fund-raising, press releases, and opposing laws. The book is written to children, not their teachers. Students are encouraged to learn about issues, develop their own opinions and to explore local resources.

**Grade Level**  
6-12

**Length**  
176 pages

**Date Published**  
1995

### What the REVIEWERS Said!

Other  
Considerations  
Strengths  
Noted

Reviewers found it to be comprehensive, easy to read, a useful resource material and a helpful tool for motivating students. The text promotes a sense of personal responsibility and encourages both local and global actions. The reviewers also noted that the book offered more ideas than information on how to implement those ideas. More types of activities for environmental issues would be helpful.



# Likeable Recyclables:

## Creative Ideas for Reusing Bags, Boxes, Cans, and Cartons

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### SUBJECT

Fine Arts



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This book is a collection of craft projects which allow students to reuse waste materials. The text is divided into sections dealing with the different media used: 'Boxes', 'Bottles & Cans', and 'Bags, Cups, Tubes and More'. The book begins with a list of items to save for reuse, as well as a list of tools and materials. Suggestions are given for general projects and actions such as how to cover a tube or to make papier-mâché. Some projects also have variations listed. Projects range from toys to decorations to practical items such as desk organizers. The language is simple, the print large and clear. Illustrations (drawings) are provided throughout to make the projects easier to understand.

Grade Level  
K-3

Length  
128 pages

Date Published  
1992

### What the REVIEWERS Said!

Other Considerations  
Strengths Noted

The emphasis here is on imagination. Uses very clear and simple lesson plans which are easy to follow. Employs tactile and visual styles. Could be a valuable resource in conjunction with other materials. Although safety is addressed in the introduction, some of the crafts may be unsafe. Misidentifies reusing as recycling. Furthermore, when one paints on or glues to a recyclable object (e.g. a can or bottle), it is no longer recyclable!