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CHALLENGE

Collect the clothing you have outgrown or plan to toss. Take a closer look and brainstorm ideas to repurpose them.

- Does your old shirt have a pattern that would make a great [bowtie](#) or [headband](#)?
- Are your worn socks the perfect color for a [scrunchie or hair tie](#)?
- Can your jeans be made into a [pencil pouch](#)?

Give new life to your old clothing, take pictures, and most importantly, have fun! Once your item is created, reflect upon what you've learned about fast fashion.

- How will repurposing fight the cycle of fast fashion?

Fast fashion has a myriad of hidden effects that most people don't realize. Fast fashion is responsible for a large portion of carbon emissions and pollution and the reason all comes down to the sheer amount of items produced and consumed. The fact that so many of the clothes end up in landfills also contributes to the problems associated with fast fashion. Repurposing your clothing items can help fight the cycle of fast fashion. By reusing rather than buying a new item, you are extending the life of the product and eliminating the need (or want) to buy a new item. This means that you are consuming less total clothing items and, consequently, you have a lower environmental impact.

What else can you do to make your wardrobe more sustainable?

I can upcycle more of my clothes, and boycott fast fashion. The fashion I will buy will be thrifted/secondhand or ethically and sustainably made. I will also use my clothes longer and invest in purchases I will keep for a long time. All my clothes will have a purpose, and I will be mindful of what I buy so it doesn't just sit in my closet. I will make an effort to use what I have first, and if I need something I will borrow it, otherwise, it will be sustainably purchased.

Post a photo of your upcycled creation on Instagram with a caption about what you did and why. Be sure to tag @TurningGreenOrg and #PGC2020. In your deliverable, include your reflections as well as photos of your upcycled creation!



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