

Day 7 – Greenest Challenge | Project Green Challenge 2025

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“Transforming Waste into Art: A Journey of Creativity and Sustainability”

“This **project** explores how everyday waste can be transformed into meaningful **art**. By using discarded items like bottles, paper, and tissue rolls, I learned to see trash as a creative resource and reflect on **sustainability** in daily life.”

1. Materials Collected :

- **Plastic Bottles:** I collected several bottles which I planned to use as the main structure for my sculpture. Their durability made them perfect for building a base.
- **Tissue Rolls & Tissues:** These added flexibility and texture to my artwork. I cut and layered them to create shapes and patterns.
- **Paper & Paper Boxes:** They were used for folding, layering, and adding 3D elements to the artwork. The cardboard also added stability.
- **Pens:** I used pens for detailing, attaching elements, and creating fine patterns.



2. Inspiration :

- The **video** -“Waste Reimagined: Artists Turn Trash into Art” showed artists transforming everyday waste into meaningful creations. It inspired me to see trash as **a source of creativity and activism**.
- The **article** highlighted global artists like Halima Cassells and Hannah Tizedes, who create artwork to challenge perceptions of waste and raise awareness about environmental degradation and plastic pollution. This motivated me to explore my own waste in a creative way.

3. Planning & Concept :

The **theme** was sustainability and the transformative power of art, showing that even discarded items can have value.

Before starting, I wanted to create something that represents **growth and renewal** — a reminder that even waste can bloom into beauty. I decided to design a **flower garden from discarded materials** to show how creativity can turn pollution into inspiration.

The **plastic bottles** became both the structure and the vase — symbolizing how plastic can be reshaped rather than thrown away. The **tissue papers and papers** were used to craft delicate flowers, showing transformation from fragility to hope. **Tissue rolls** were repurposed into **pencil holders**, combining functionality with sustainability. **Old pens and paper boxes** served as stems and supportive bases, connecting the idea of reuse and environmental awareness.

My concept centered on the theme “**From Waste to Wonder**”, reflecting how small actions—like repurposing everyday items—can lead to a more sustainable and beautiful world

4. Creation Process

I began by sorting and cleaning all the collected materials — **plastic bottles, tissue rolls, tissues, paper, paper box/ cardboard box and old pens** — to prepare them for reuse. The **plastic bottles** became the essential element of my artwork, serving as both the structure and the creative medium. I carefully cut and shaped them to make **unique flowers**, each with different patterns and petal designs to give the piece variety and texture.

Bottles were also used for holding the flowers, symbolizing how plastic can find a new purpose instead of ending up as waste. I used **tissue papers** to add soft decorative layers and color accents, while **old pens** were repurposed as stems



to hold the flowers upright. The **paper box/ cardboard box** acted as a decorative “base and container”, giving structure and purpose to the overall arrangement. I decorated the box using all the recycled elements to make it visually appealing and symbolic of reuse.

The **tissue rolls** were redesigned into **pencil holders**, adding functionality and creativity to the final piece.

Once assembled, I experimented with placement, layering, and detailing until the composition felt harmonious and full of life. The finished artwork demonstrates how discarded plastic and simple household items can be transformed into something vibrant and meaningful — a true example of sustainability through creativity

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5. Message & Meaning :

- The artwork conveys that **waste can be transformed into something meaningful**, challenging the “out of sight, out of mind” mindset.
- It encourages **reuse, recycling, and sustainability** in daily life.
- It sparks conversation about the impact of consumer waste and how small actions can inspire creative solutions.

6. Reflection & Learnings :

- I realized that items we often discard, like tissue rolls or paper, can become **tools of creativity**.
- The process helped me **rethink my daily habits** and the amount of waste I produce.
- It showed the power of **art as activism** — creating awareness in a way that words alone cannot.
- I also noted reactions from friends and family: many were **surprised at how much waste I collected** and became interested in reusing materials themselves.

7. Why I Picked This Material

I chose materials like plastic bottles, tissue rolls, papers, and old pens that are usually thrown away. I wanted to reuse what I already had around me to show that waste can still have creative value.

8. Message of the Artwork:

My piece conveys that **waste can be transformed into beauty** through imagination and care. It encourages others to reuse, recycle, and make small sustainable choices that help protect our environment.

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