

From Carton to Creation:

Creative Ways to Upcycle Milk Cartons

Before transforming creative ideas into projects, we highly recommend thoroughly cleaning your empty milk cartons.

Step 1: Rinse each milk carton thorough to remove any leftover milk drops and prevent odour.

Step 2: Allows cartons to dry completely to keep them safe to handle (punching little holes in the bottom and removing the cap allows better air flow or carefully open them up completely).

Mini Planters



Cut off the top, decorate, and fill with soil for growing seeds in the classroom or garden.

Desk organisers & storage boxes



Stack or arrange cartons to hold pencils, markers, and other supplies.

Decorations



Carefully cut out and create your own decorations to hang and share.

Lanterns



Cut shapes in the sides and add a battery tea light for a glowing classroom lantern.

Bird Feeders



Cut openings in the sides, add string to hang, and fill with bird seed for a schoolyard feeder.

Musical Shakers

Fill with rice or beans, seal, and shake to make simple musical instruments.

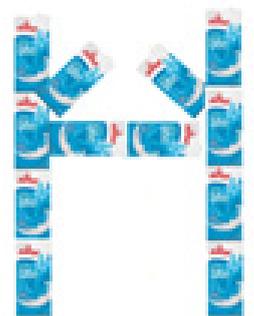


Science Kits

Use cartons for science experiments—such as water filters or seed sprouting containers



Building Blocks



Use empty cartons as lightweight blocks for building models, towers, or bridges.

Math Manipulatives

Cut cartons into pieces for use in counting, sorting, or measuring activities.



Art Projects

Paint and assemble cartons into sculptures, mobiles, or classroom displays.



By starting with clean cartons, your school can create practical, creative, and eco-friendly projects—whilst learning the value of upcycling and sustainability.

Where possible, we encourage more schools to actively participate in recycling their used milk cartons correctly. Additionally, exploring alternative methods to repurpose used milk cartons is a great step towards sustainability.