



Reusing Lit League Boxes

Due to our desire to care for the environment, the Lit League team is always looking for ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. With this goal in mind, we've compiled a list of ways to repurpose and reuse our subscription box and tissue paper.



Because we pair everything we do with books, here are some of our favorite books about caring for our planet and creatively repurposing resources.

Practical Repurposing

Use your Lit League boxes & tissue paper for:

- **Storage:** Decorate the outside of your Lit League boxes, then use them to store whatever you need. They're perfect for favorite small collections and old papers.
- **Shipping:** Repurpose our boxes for your shipping needs.
- **Gifting:** Reuse our tissue paper and our boxes for gift giving.

Educational & Pretend Play

Use your Lit League boxes & tissue paper for:

- **Pizza Box Project:** Design a pizza restaurant logo and give our box lid a makeover! Use your new pizza box to store faux-pizza for pretend play. Consider making construction paper pizza that can be cut into parts for fraction or percentage practice.
- **Theater:** Use old boxes to design a stage for dolls, small figurines, or finger puppets. The tissue paper makes great curtains! Have little readers practice summarizing key points as they retell or perform stories that they have read. This is also a wonderful opportunity to create new tales.
- **Book Diorama:** Have readers recreate an important scene from a book. Reread the scene a few times aloud, so readers can practice visualizing as they design their diorama. Ask older readers to point to the lines in the book that inspired their artistic choices. They may even incorporate one or more book quotes in the diorama.
- **Art Time:** Use recycled material to create works of art. Older readers can investigate the Recycled Art movement and work to create a piece of their own. Some influential artists who use recycled materials are: Subodh Gupta, Ptolemy Elrington, Yuken Teruya, Khalil Chistee, Wim Delvoye, Tim Noble and Sue Webster, and Vik Muniz.

- **Tissue Paper Roses:** Check out our tissue paper rose tutorial, posted to our social media spaces on 3/18/21. The best part about these beautiful paper flowers is that they work best when your tissue paper is wrinkled!
- **Leprechaun Trap:** Make a creative leprechaun trap for St. Patrick's Day (or any day of the year) and let us know if you catch one!
- **Sensory Bin Cut Outs:** Draw and cut out cardboard shapes, animals, and items for a sensory bin. Our favorite bins are book-themed ones, obviously!
- **Sensory Container:** Line our box and use it for a mini, transportable sensory container. You could include kitchen or nature items, as two easy options, for your sensory experience.
- **Sight Words Box:** Readers can decorate the outside of their box, then use it to collect sight words. The collected words can be reviewed periodically and used to create oral or written stories.
- **Car Ramps and Courses:** Cut up boxes to make epic racetracks with ramps for Hot Wheels or other small cars.
- **Marble Maze:** Help kids draw out a maze on the interior of the box. Next, hot glue maze walls with smaller pieces of cardboard. Once the glue has dried, kids can then attempt to navigate the maze with a marble.
- **Parade Float:** Older readers can design and construct a parade float from recycled materials based on a book, unit of study, or for their favorite sports team or holiday.
- **Imaginary Structures & Vehicles:** Use larger and smaller boxes for imaginative construction. Build a castle, a boat, a spaceship, they sky's the limit!
- **Picture Frame:** Cut out and paint a special picture frame. Tape a favorite picture behind the frame. Then, it's ready for hanging.

Have other ideas we should add to our list? We're always looking for new Earth-friendly projects, so tag us on social media @litleagueboxes any time you reuse a Lit League box or have a new, creative way to use our boxes.