

Recycled Multimedia Art

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The beauty of working with recycled materials is you don't need special artistic knowledge to create a unique piece. Craft with what you have or what you can pick up cheap at a thrift store or garage sale. Consider the following as a low cost, meaningful gift idea for the holidays!

My favorite materials to work with are second-hand tiles, reclaimed wood, and clippings from greeting cards or magazines. I use pop tabs as hardware because they are recycled and durable!

I like to start with a piece of stained or painted wood. Next, I may add a plain white tile for dimension. Be sure to use appropriate adhesive to hold the weight of the tile. Next, I will glue on clippings from recycled paper items or found items, such as pins. The more layers and textures used make for a more alluring piece. Finally, add the hardware to the back. Use a small screw for heavier pieces or heavy duty glue for lighter pieces. Another option may be to create a "kickstand" for the back to display on a table.

Thank you for joining me and being open to this earth-friendly art medium!