

# REDUCE, RE-USE & RECYCLE

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Hello friend!

As you may have heard, I'm a globetrotting cat and I send letters to my pen pals from all sorts of wonderful places.

I love to explore everything that the world has to offer, from the cities to the deserts to the deep blue seas. Everywhere I go, I am amazed at how beautiful, interesting and precious our home is.

Every person (and cat) is different to one another - from the places we live to the food that we eat; from the colour of our fur to the language we speak. But do you know what we ALL have in common? We live together on this BIG, AMAZING EARTH and it's up to US to protect it!

In this pack, you will find some brilliant ideas about what you can do to help care for our planet.

Exploring the globe is heaps of fun - and looking after it is even better!

Your pal,

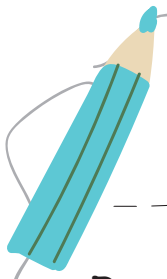
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PS Why not print this out double-sided if you can?

PPS There are lots of things you can do with this pack when you have finished with it! You can...

- ♥ pass it onto someone else so that they can enjoy it too.
- ♥ create something new like paper chains, paper aeroplanes or origami.
- ♥ use it as the coolest wrapping paper EVER!

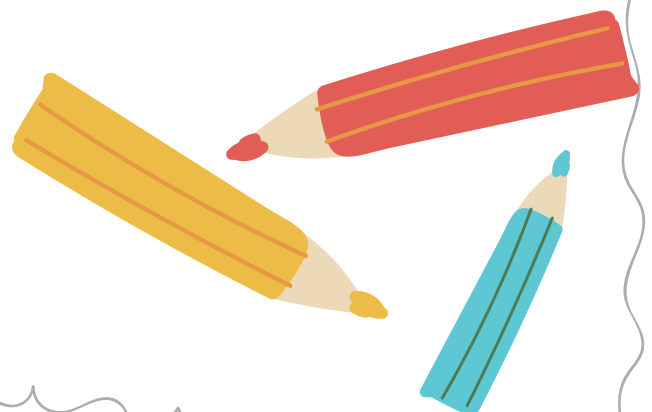




# SAVES THE PLANET!

(your name)

Draw a picture of yourself doing something to help look after our planet!



# REDUCE, RE-USE & RECYCLE



Let's keep our environment as healthy as possible by creating less waste and saving its precious resources! By making changes we can help to protect nature and people's way of life too.

## 3 WAYS WE CAN DO THIS ARE BY:

**reducing:** using less of something!

\*Example: Use less water when you brush your teeth or use less petrol by traveling on foot!\*

**re-using:** using something again - either as it was used before or in a completely new way.

\*Example: Pass on your old T-shirt to a younger friend... or turn it into a bag!\*

**recycling:** turning something used into a new material!

\*Example: Pop old magazines into the recycling bin to be transformed into other products!\*



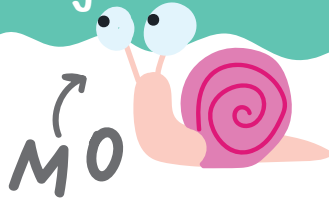
Why not award these to people you know? Or you could keep them for yourself — you deserve them too!

My friends are great at helping our planet. Here are some of the things that they do:



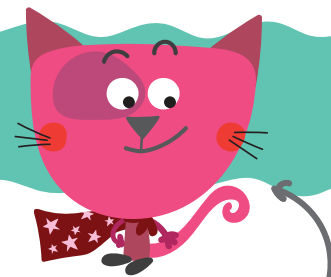
ESTELLE

uses every piece of paper more than once and then pops it in the green bin when she's finished. She's a RECYCLING hero!



MO

makes compost for his garden from everyone's food scraps! He's making sure nothing goes to waste. Mo's a RE-USING hero!



WONDERPUSS

travels everywhere by bicycle! She's lowering the number of cars on the road. Wonderpuss is a REDUCING hero!

Do you know anyone who is good at these things too? Remember to congratulate them for being a HERO next time you see them!

# REDUCE WATER WASTE!

Water is the most important liquid on Earth and ALL animals and plants need it to survive!

It is very important to stay hydrated and drink enough water through the day - but we can SAVE water in other ways!

I ♥ water because:



it's the best drink when I'm thirsty

it's ideal for fur-washing after mucky adventures

it's full of extraordinary things to discover like coral reefs, tadpoles and icebergs!



Use old water that's been left in cups and bottles to water the plants. Wash things like wellies and bikes using a bucket of water, rather than a hose! Turn off the tap while you are brushing your teeth! If you have a garden, collect rainwater to use for watering the plants!

Can you find all the watery words in this wordsearch?

- Basin
- Fish
- Ice
- Lake
- Rain
- River
- Sea
- Stream
- Tub

S P G B A S I N Z S  
 E T M L O P D E F T  
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!! DID YOU KNOW? !!

Oceans cover over 70% of the world's surface!

# RE-USE WHATEVER YOU CAN!

Did you know that I buy all my accessories second-hand? No wonder I look so BRILLIANT! Here's why buying from charity shops is great:

- ♥ You are re-using things which helps save the planet.
- ♥ The money you give to the shop goes to good causes which help people in need.
- ♥ You can find really interesting things that no-one else will have!

Look COOL like Banjo!



## MAKE YOUR OWN T-SHIRT BAG!

Does anyone in your home have an old T-shirt which they don't wear anymore? Maybe it has gone a funny shape or has stains on it from spaghetti sauce... Why don't you ask them if you can transform it into something new and useful? You will probably need a grown-up to help you with the cutting!

1.

Cut off the sleeves of your top, on the seam.

2.

Cut a half-circle out around the neck of your T-shirt (and make it bigger than the existing head hole!)

3.

Cut six evenly-spaced two-inch slits upwards from the bottom of your T-shirt. (It might look like your T-shirt has tassels: this is just temporary!)

4.

Turn your T-shirt inside out.

5.

Knot together the strips which you cut along the bottom. Tie each one to the one opposite (rather than the one next to it!)

6.

You've made a BAG! Use it for carrying important things like groceries, books and drawings of cats.

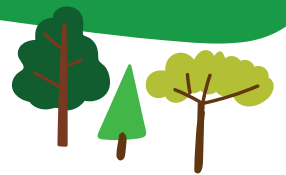




# BE A RECYCLING HERO!



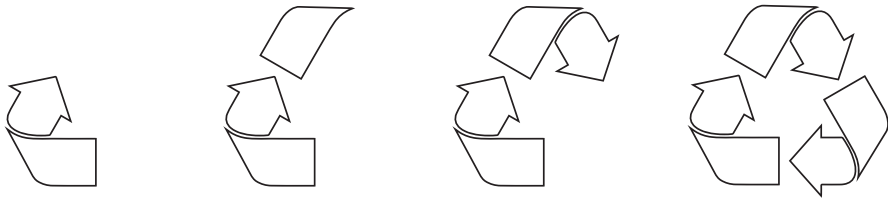
Did you know that more than half of what normally ends up in the bin can actually be recycled?



Some everyday things that can be recycled include PAPER, PLASTIC, CANS and GLASS! Making new things out of old things uses less energy and is great for the planet.

## DRAWING CHALLENGE

Learn to draw the recycling symbol. Then you can make a recycling sign for your home!



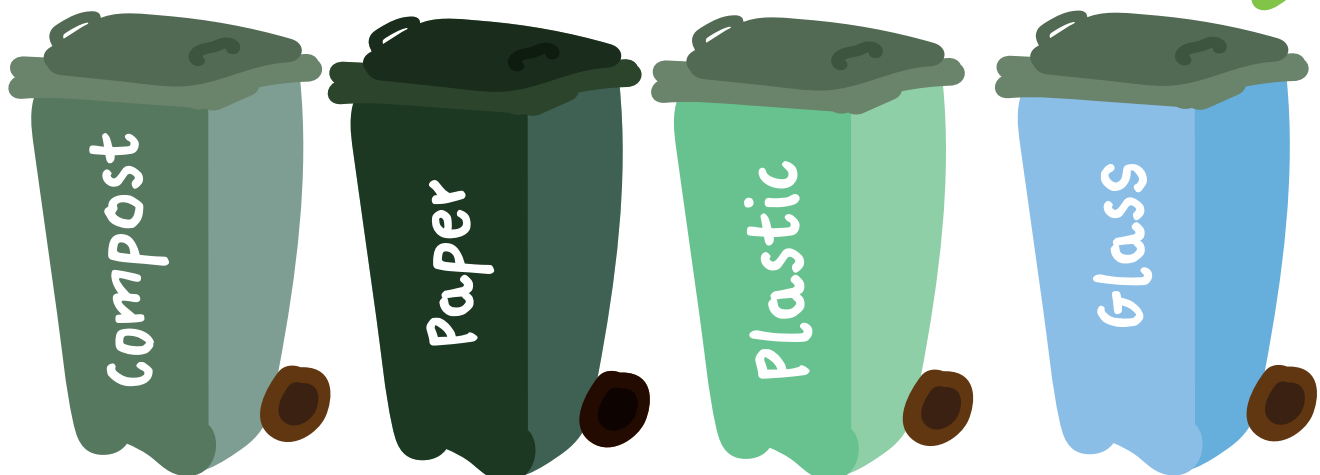
### FUN FACT.

In Panama (in Central America) they are using recycled plastic bottles as building materials for houses! WOW!

← COLOUR ME IN

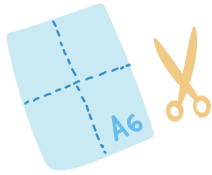
## • Sorting game •

Do you know how to sort out the recycling? Draw lines connecting these items to the bins into which you think they should go!

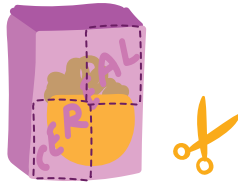


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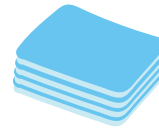
## Scrap paper notebook



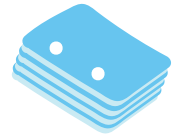
Cut up paper which has been used on one side into equal-sized pieces. (A quarter of A4 is a nice size: this is called A6!)



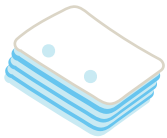
Cut up a cereal packet to make 2 pieces of cardboard of the same size.



Arrange your paper in a pile with the unused sides up.



Ask a grown-up to help you hole-punch the paper.



Do the same with the card pieces (blank side up!) and then sandwich the plain paper between them.



Thread a ribbon through the holes and tie in a bow at the front.



Decorate your notebook cover. It is completely unique, and you are a GREAT designer!

## EXTRA IDEAS AND CHALLENGES!

Here are some things you can do to help you think more about looking after our amazing planet.

When it's safe to do so, travelling by public transport is a great way to get around! Please can you draw a nice, long bus and add your family and friends' faces at the windows? Perhaps you can make me the driver!

The world's rainforests are very important! Can you build a junk model of a rainforest? You can use cardboard tubes, scrap paper and empty packaging – or whatever else you can find!

We must help to protect our oceans and seas. Can you draw an underwater scene? You can include brightly coloured coral, fish of every shape and size, shells and rocks, and perhaps you and I... in a submarine!

Become a nature detective! Next time you go for a walk, write down or draw all the different species of animals, flowers and trees that you see.

Write a poem about what you want the world to look like in 100 years. It can be long or short and doesn't have to rhyme. Just use your BIG imagination and see what happens!

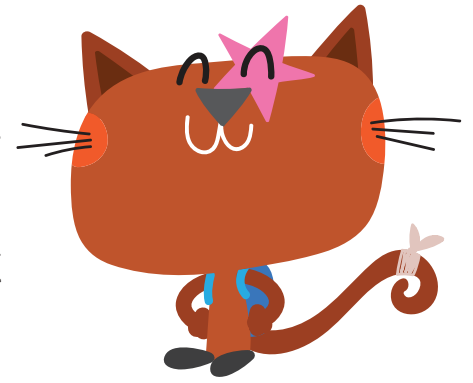
Take some paper and crayons to the park. Can you make some bark rubbings? Find out which trees are which too! You can also collect a variety of leaves to make a beautiful collage.

If you have a garden, make it extra-insect friendly by planting wild flowers.

Do you like cooking? Try to prepare a meal which uses food that comes with minimal packaging such as fruit, veg, herbs and eggs!



Thank you for reading my special pack!  
Isn't it cool that even though you are just one person (or cat), your actions can make a difference?



I'm so proud to share our great planet Earth with you, and even prouder that you're going to help look after it too.

Stay fantastic,

Banjo x

Ps Here's a poster to colour in and display at home so everyone can get involved in saving the planet with you!

♡ LET'S LOOK ♡  
✿ AFTER ✿  
OUR PLANET

*We will try to:*

- ♡ travel by bike, on foot or by public transport
- ♡ turn off our devices when we're not using them
- ♡ turn off the water whilst we brush our teeth
- ♡ take our own bags with us when we go to the shops
- ♡ carry a reusable bottle for water
- ♡ buy fruit and veg which is grown locally
- ♡ use low-energy bulbs
- ♡ pass on our old clothes and toys to new homes
- ♡ turn off the lights when we leave a room
- ♡ encourage others to do the same!

