



Miss Panda's Books

Reducing



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Miss Panda's Books Series helps children learn about plants, animals, and how to care for them. We teach the basic traditional knowledge of being self-sufficient by growing your own food and making healthy choices. Each book in every set will educate your child on a subject related to the set topic, and you can find a fun craft idea on the last page. We hope these books will bring your children wisdom and joy!

Have you heard the phrase, "Reduce, reuse, recycle"?
The word "reduce" means to make less of something. When we reduce the items we use that hurt our earth, we're conserving.
We conserve energy when we reduce light.



There are many ways you can help our earth by reducing certain things. For instance, walking or riding a bike to school instead of driving a car, helps with less pollution.



When you go to the store, use a reusable or paper bag instead of plastic. Plastic bags are not good for our planet. Paper bags can be recycled, and reusable bags can be used again.



You can conserve water by taking quick showers and turning the water off while brushing your teeth.



Reducing, reusing, and recycling all go together. For instance, you are reducing waste when you reuse a water bottle, instead of buying plastic bottles that are thrown away. However, you can recycle plastic bottles.



Look for ways you can reduce in your home and community.
The world is a big place, but if each of us work together, we can
keep it beautiful!



Reduce & Reuse a Bag

Supplies:

- Old t-shirt
- Scissors
- Fabric paint
- Paintbrush
- Rhinestones, glitter, pom-poms, or other decorations
- Glue
- A grownup to help cut

Directions:

1. Cut off the sleeves and neckline.
2. Decide how deep you want your bag.
3. After turning the shirt inside-out, draw a line across the bottom where you want the bottom of the bag to be, then draw a parallel line 3 inches lower.
4. Cut the second (lower) line, then cut $\frac{1}{2}$ inch fringes up the shirt, stopping at your first line.
5. Starting on one side, tie two fringes together from the front and back of the shirt. Continuing tying them all together across the bottom of the shirt.
6. Tie another row, but this time, tie the fringe next to it. This will keep items from falling out of the bottom of the bag.
7. Turn the bag right-side-out.
8. Decorate and paint designs on your bag, and help the planet!