

REPURPOSE WORKSHOP (JUST FOR FUN)

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Invite your guests to a fun workshop where they'll learn how to repurpose and reuse their old household items. There are a number of projects you can consider. From turning a broken picture frame into an earring holder or a broken chair into a lawn swing, there's a rebirth in the waiting. We recommend presenting your guests with a few project ideas in advance. Ask them to bring their old item to the party and tell them you'll provide all the supplies. If you're the crafty type, create examples in advance and provide class instruction yourself. Or hire a DIY expert from your local craft or home improvement store to guide your guests. For inspiration, be sure to check out Pinterest. They have lots of great ideas for items you can repurpose.

WHO TO INVITE

This is a party for crafty folks or the wannabee crafter. All you need are participants who are willing to get their hands dirty.

TIMING

March is a great time to offer this workshop. It's when many people are cleaning and reorganizing their homes, plus it's National Craft Month.

VENUE

This event can be held anywhere. Host it at your home, or if you prefer, reserve a neighborhood clubhouse. Just make sure you have plenty of space for guests to spread out and work on their projects.

AGENDA

To keep your party moving ahead, consider following this order of events.

1. Meet and Greet
2. Icebreaker Activity
3. Project Instruction
4. Work Time
5. Thank You for Coming

WHAT YOU NEED

Supplies

Your supply list will ultimately be determined by the projects you select. However, here are some basic supplies needed for most endeavors.

- ☐ Project samples (create in advance for reference)
- ☐ Nametags
- ☐ Sharpies
- ☐ Hammers
- ☐ Screwdrivers
- ☐ Assorted nails
- ☐ Assorted screws
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Painters tape
- ☐ Miscellaneous hardware (small hooks, wire, etc.)
- ☐ Glue guns and glue sticks
- ☐ Craft glue
- ☐ Acrylic paints (assorted colors)
- ☐ Paint palettes
- ☐ Paint brushes (assorted sizes)
- ☐ Assorted sandpaper
- ☐ Letter stencils
- ☐ Aprons
- ☐ Appetizer plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Wine glasses
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Table covering
- ☐ Beverage cooler (to keep drinks chilled)
- ☐ Bags of ice
- ☐ Bottle opener
- ☐ Wine opener
- ☐ Trash can

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- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Drop cloths
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Disposable gloves
- ☐ Hand wipes
- ☐ Sound system/speaker
- ☐ Camera or phone (for taking pictures)

Food & Drink

It's not a party without food and drinks. For your Repurpose Workshop, anything goes. But keep in mind that people are going to be working with their hands so when possible serve appetizers that can be enjoyed off a toothpick. Here are some easy-to-prepare appetizers for you to consider.

- ☐ Asian meatballs
- ☐ Antipasto skewers
- ☐ Bruschetta
- ☐ Mini cheeseburgers
- ☐ Pinwheel sandwiches
- ☐ Cocktail shrimp
- ☐ Taquitos
- ☐ Chicken satay skewers
- ☐ Mini chicken and waffles
- ☐ Pesto tortellini skewers
- ☐ Mozzarella bites
- ☐ Prosciutto wrapped pears with blue cheese
- ☐ Red wine
- ☐ White wine
- ☐ Beer
- ☐ Soda
- ☐ Bottled water
- ☐ Seltzer

GOOD VIBES ONLY

Icebreaker

There's a good chance you'll have a group of people who don't know each other. Help them out by incorporating an icebreaker. Since everyone will be repurposing an item from home, ask them to share the following:

- ☐ What is their name?
- ☐ What are they repurposing?
- ☐ Why did they pick it?

At the end of the party, ask guests to show off their finished project. It's always fun to see the before and after.

Music

Playing music in the background can help to set the tone for your event. Consider creating a friendly and upbeat playlist ahead of time with music you think your guests will enjoy. Or find a Pandora station to play in the background. Be sure to keep the volume low so the music is not a distraction.

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HELPFUL TIPS

Get the Word Out

We recommend advertising your event with the following:

- ☐ "Save the Date" card
- ☐ Invitation
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Text messages
- ☐ Personal phone calls

Collateral

Further promote your personal brand with the following:

- ☐ Wine labels
- ☐ Water labels
- ☐ Beer labels
- ☐ Thank You cards
- ☐ Post event photos on social media and give shoutouts

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