

How to make an eco-friendly poster

The UK produces over 5 million tonnes of plastic waste per year, with much of this finding its way into natural environments. Plastic takes hundreds of years to break down, and even tiny fragments (called microplastics) can find their way into our rivers and oceans – eaten by fish and working their way up the food chain.



You will need:

Scrap card, paper, anything you can reuse from your recycling
Colouring pencils/pens/paint
Scissors
Glue
Tape

What to do:

1. First, design your background. It could be your local area, canal, river or the sea or seashore.
2. Use your recycled papers to create the scenery. We've used bubble wrap and paint to print the sea. Try different ways of printing with bottle tops or scrunched up wrappers. Also, try tearing paper as well as cutting with scissors.
3. Now cut out some shapes to put in the foreground, at the front of your picture. Glue these shapes to your background. We have cut fish shapes to swim in the sea.
4. Add a message to your poster – you can cut out your own letters from your recycling, cut words out from old magazines or write or paint your message.

We'd love to see your posters and environmental messages. Send them to us at museumeducation@stoke.gov.uk or tweet them using @PMAGlearning.

They could feature on our website.

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