



# RECYCLED SWEATER CHALLENGE

Alone or with a partner, your challenge is to see how many things you can make from an old sweater! Think creatively, outside the box and use as many resources as you want for inspiration. The goal is to use as much of your sweater, creating as many different projects as possible, in the allotted time. This includes buttons, yarn ties, and even tags. Basic sewing supplies will be provided for you, but any additional materials will come from you. At the end of the challenge you will showcase your finished creations and share the remnants of the sweater that remain. There will be several winning categories:

- The person or group who BEST utilized their sweater, making the MOST finished projects and had the least amount of wool (sweater) left.
- The person or group with the most CREATIVE finished project(s) from their wool sweater.
- The person or group with the BEST WORKMANSHIP in their finished projects.

Step 1: Choose a wool sweater. You may provide your own or you may select one from me. Mine are washed but if bringing one from home be sure to wash and dry before you do anything else.

Step 2: Take a BEFORE picture of your sweater.

Step 3: Brainstorm and research ideas for getting the most from your sweater. Make a list of possible ideas and print out any necessary patterns and instructions.

Step 4: Create, copy or enlarge patterns and very carefully plan the use of your wool. Cut out your patterns and pin together.

Step 5: Construct your ideas by hand or machine. Add any additional touches.

Step 6: Make name and display cards for finished products and take an AFTER picture of the finished products constructed from your sweater.

Step 7: Present BEFORE picture of sweater and then finished AFTER sweater projects to the class.

Step 8: Write a couple of paragraphs explaining what you learned from this project. How can it help you in the future? Staple your writing to this paper.

### Rubric

Use of sweater fabric:      Majority (7)      Half (4)      Very Little (1)

Use of class time:      Well Used (7)      Could be Better (4)      Wasted (1)

Workmanship:      Nice Work (7)      Almost There (4)      Needs Work (1)

Photos:      Before & After (7)      Partial (4)      Not Present (0)

Project Variety: A lot of Variety (7) Some Variety (4) Little Variety (1)

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_/35

Comments:

## VOTING

PLACE THREE LABELED JARS OUT IN THE CLASS ROOM AND GIVE EACH STUDENT THREE SLIPS OF PAPER. HAVE STUDENTS VOTE THREE TIMES; ONE FOR EACH CATEGORY. WRITE WINNER'S NAME ON EACH SLIP AND PLACE IN THE JAR. TEACHER WILL COUNT THE VOTES AND ANNOUNCE WINNERS AND GIVE RIBBON AWARDS

PLACE AWARDS AND ALL FINISHED PROJECTS IN THE SCHOOL'S DISPLAY CASE FOR ENTIRE STUDENT BODY TO VIEW.

\*\*Enlarge pattern to desired size and add desired award title.

