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Don't throw out bread wrap



Don't be content to let a bread wrapper remain a bread wrapper. Turn it into a jump rope. (Photo by Pat Bordman)

Waste. Junk. Garbage. Scrap. Trash. Empty those wastebaskets, but resist the throwaway culture. We can teach our children to see alternative possibilities in everyday discards.

By not adding to the heap of 'stuff', we can help our children expand their horizons, encourage ingenuity, stimulate their imaginations.

Turn what isn't into what is. Don't be content to let a bread wrapper remain a bread wrapper. Make it into a jump rope.

All that's needed are 24 large clean plastic bread wrappers, transparent tape, and a little time. Overlap eight bags end-to-end in a row with a one-inch overlap between bags. Tape each bag to the one next to it. Repeat so that you have three sets of eight bags each.

Tape the three sets securely together at one end leaving six to eight inches at the end for fringe.

Now, begin to braid the wrappers tightly together as you would a child's pigtail. As you near the end, check to be sure the length is right for your child's size. If it is too short, add more wrappers. Air bubbles may form. Simply deflate by sticking them with a pin.

Tape securely the end of the braid, again leaving six to eight inches at the end for fringe. Cut the ends into fringe.

By working with your child on projects, you teach your child that making his own playthings is a worthwhile enterprise.

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