

Recycling Used CDs

Before you throw out your unused, ruined or duplicate CDs, try some of these clever crafts!

CD Clock:

Paint the CD to match any room. This makes for a great gift for teens, kids, parents and grandparents.

Materials:

- Old CD or internet CD (ask your parents first!)
- Sakura of America Permapaque paint markers
- Clock works (Michaels or AC Moore)
- Metal washer (hardware stores carry these individually)

How to Make It:

1. Paint the CD with paint markers in any design you want. Let dry.
2. Write the numbers around the edge of the CD. Make sure you space them evenly. (Ask a parent for help on this)
3. Assemble the clock works onto the CD. You will need to get a bigger washer than what is included in most clock works and place this on the top of the CD to keep the clock together.
4. Give as a present or keep for yourself.



CD Coasters

Make these up for guests at your New Years or Halloween Parties. Another idea would be to add each guest's name to the sticker so they know which drink is theirs!

Materials:

- Paper
- Markers
- 2 1/2" Round stickers
- Old CDs (be sure to ask your parents!)
- Con-Tact paper
- Scissors

How to Make It:

1. Draw your designs using markers on the stickers.
2. Apply one sticker to the middle of the shiny (data) side of the CD.
3. Cut a round circle about 3 1/2" out of Con-Tact paper.
4. Apply the Con-Tact paper over the label.
Note: This protects the ink on the sticker from smearing when the drinking glass sweats.
5. Repeat for remaining labels and CDs.



Quick Ideas:

Candle Display - Use the shiny side up of your CD and sit a small pillar or votive candle on it. The reflection from the CD creates an ambience atmosphere; great on buffet tables especially during the holidays.

Borders – Use as a substitute for a wallpaper border in a teen’s room. Depending on how much wall space you want to cover, it may take a lot of CDs. If you don't have that many you could use them to border a window or mirror.

Templates – When you need a perfect circle, trace either the outside of the CD or the inner circle of the CD.