

TEXAS WREATHS

CONCEPT: Reuse

OBJECTIVES: Students will be able to:

- 1) Describe ways that objects can be used other than their originally intended use;
- 2) Share ways to reuse newspaper (i.e., line animal cages, recycle, wrap presents, etc.).

METHOD: Students will make a wreath decoration.

MATERIALS: Wire coat hanger, newspaper, acrylic paint and brush, or green spray paint, pattern for bow tie, decorator red and green chili peppers and "Texas" ribbon.

VOCABULARY: wreath, reuse

PROCEDURE:

1. Ask students to define reuse. Ask them to think of ways in which they have reused newspaper. List responses on the board. Ask them, "Why is this important?" (Answers will vary.)
2. Explain to students that they are going to listen and watch as you demonstrate the steps to making a wreath.
3. Make a wreath following these steps:
 - a. Cut out several bow ties from newspaper using the pattern provided.
 - b. Take a wire coat hanger and shape it into a circle with a hook on top.
 - c. Crush the center of the bow tie and attach it to the coat hangers by twisting and pushing it to the top. Bow ties will stay as you tighten them together.
 - d. Continue to add bow ties until entire hanger is filled with bow ties.
 - e. Lay the wreath on newspaper in a protected, area outside.
 - f. Paint the wreath and allow it to dry.
 - g. Decorate the wreath.

EXTENSIONS:

Ask students to think of other ways to reuse newspaper. Challenge the students to bring a finished project for extra credit.

EVALUATION:

Have students describe ways that newspaper and other objects can be reused.

BOW TIE PATTERN

