



DVD/CD PLASTIC DISC RE-PURPOSING

In the past year, one solution to a problem of discarded plastics the Arts Bus has explored has been to the re-purposing of DVD/video game/CD plastic discs. The Arts Bus showcased examples that you can do at home & put on display for Earth Day 2020! Unleash your creativity and see what you can do. If you need ideas, here are some below -- then display outdoors or indoors in gardens & trees, on fences & posts, or free-standing pieces – just share, share, share because ART IS SAFE TO BE SHARED!



Disc Fish – small & large

Using 1 disc as the fish body + whatever materials you have on hand for body parts, fish of any kind can & will appear. Using several discs shingled or layered, a giant fish or 2 might jump over your fence!



Plasti-Glass Magic

**Mosaics, Butterflies, Disco Balls, Shields & Armor, Earth Angels
Lit Flower Gardens & Trees**

This project requires baking skills and a hot oven, but the outcome is amazing! To create the "plasti-glass", use parchment-covered baking sheets to bake the discs at 450°F for 3-5 minutes each, unlabeled side up. We recommend 30-second lapse in the timing of putting each in the oven so there is a gap in readiness, opening a window for ventilation, and setting a timer so you do not overheat anything. After 3-5 minutes in the hot oven, the cd changes color & texture, plus becomes flexible for 20-30 seconds when it can be stretched and shaped.



Using silicone-padded oven mitts and tongs, we shaped and stretched them, molded them over parchment-covered ovenproof ceramics and glass. What's emerged were leaves, flowers, wings, decorative holiday light reflectors, light catchers, tree ornaments, bowls and votive candle holders, crushed mosaic pieces....and we've only just begun to imagine...which is where we need YOUR help!



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