



# INVENT THE SUMMER

## Week 5: Recycled Decoration

### 1 Complete the Challenge.

Create a fun new decoration using whatever you find in your recycling bin or around your house.

The Rules	
You CAN:	You CAN'T:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ You can choose to decorate for every day or for a specific holiday or season.</li><li>✓ You can display your decoration however you want: hang it, put it on a shelf, or wrap it around something.</li><li>✓ You can color or paint your materials, or leave them as they are. It's up to you!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ You can't repurpose an existing decoration.</li><li>✗ You can't just tape random things to the wall and call it decor.</li><li>✗ Don't just paint something to make it prettier. Get more creative than that!</li></ul>
Once you are finished, make sure to display it for everyone to see!	
🤔 Our tips to avoid angry parents 😊	
DON'T	DO:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>🤔 Don't steal one of your parent's decorations to make your own.</li><li>🤔 Don't cover your entire bedroom with trash and call it "decorated".</li><li>🤔 Don't block someone's way with your decoration.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>😊 Ask permission on where you can display your decoration.</li><li>😊 If your decoration requires hanging, ask for help so you don't damage the walls or ceiling.</li><li>😊 Make sure the paint or glue on your decoration dries before you put it on a shelf or table!</li></ul>

## 2 Create a video of your solution.

Try to keep your video under 90-seconds long and include the following:

- How does your solution work?
- What materials did you use?
- Did you have to overcome any problems?

You can see tips to creating great entry videos [here](#).

Your video will be visible to anyone with an internet connection, so it's important to protect your privacy and stay safe. See our [website](#) for more information.

## 3 Enter the contest by 9:00pm ET on July 21, 2024.

Ask a parent to upload your video to our website using our [online entry form](#).

All contest entries will receive 1 point for our big end-of-the-summer prize drawing! You can earn bonus points for:

- Completing our weekly online STEM course - 1 point
- Entering an Epic Fail - 1 point
- Getting a friend to participate in their first ever Invent the Summer challenge (make sure they give you credit) - 5 points
- Completing 3 challenges in a row - 3 points
- Completing 5 challenges - 5 points
- Completing ALL 8 challenges - 5 points

## 4 View other solutions and VOTE!

You can see all the solutions and vote for your favorites from 12:00pm ET on Monday, July 22 until 3:00pm on Tuesday, July 23. See our [voting rules](#) for more information.

## 5 Winners announced by 8:00pm on July 23!

**Audience Choice Award:** Goes to the solution with the most online votes.

**Board Choice Awards:** Selected by the Junior Board of Engineers. Solutions will be judged on originality, execution, and presentation.

**Epic Fail Award:** Show us your failed attempts! This award goes to the most impressive failure of the week.

Winners receive their choice of an *Invent the Summer* t-shirt, bag, or notebook.