



# INVENT THE SUMMER

## Week 6: Recycled Fashion

### 1 Complete the Challenge.

This week your challenge is to create your own clothing, fashion accessory, or costume using recycled materials or scrap fabric for the big fashion show.

#### The Rules

##### You CAN:

- ✓ You can create a costume, outfit, or accessory — it's okay if you just make one piece
- ✓ Your design can be for yourself, a friend, or even a stuffed animal.
- ✓ You may use anything you have around the house — recycled materials or scrap fabric are perfect!

##### You CAN'T:

- ✗ You can't use an existing costume or piece of clothing and just add to it.
- ✗ Don't create a piece of clothing that is potentially dangerous.
- ✗ Just stick a pot or cup on your head and call it a hat — get creative!

When you're done, gather your family and friends and hold your very own fashion show!



**Our tips to avoid angry adults**



##### DON'T

- 😡 Be sure to ask before using any scrap fabric.
- 😡 Stay safe. Ask for help when using sharp tools like pins or scissors.
- 😡 If someone wants to wear your creation, let them!

##### DO:

- 😊 Don't force your sibling or pet be your model if they don't want to be.
- 😊 Definitely don't cut up anything important like family heirlooms!
- 😊 Don't sneak off to a fashion show without telling your parents.

## **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 August 3, 2025.**

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, August 4 until 3:00pm on Tuesday, August 5. See our [voting rules](#) for more

## **5 Winners announced around 8:00pm on August 5!**

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.