

Repurposing... what's that?

Synonyms: Reuse, recycle, remodel, reprocess, recover, and

regenerate

Definition: adapt for use in a different purpose.

Reuse

Many people like to use food containers for uses other than food storage. Here are a few examples:

Paper mache: newsprint and a plastic

container



Examples of reuse

Copper pipes or wires are reused for plumbing or electrical use. Artists make beautiful church steeples, jewelry, and other works of art out of copper.



Examples of reuse

Some clothing is made out of recycled materials. Notice the paper baskets below are

from comic strip paper.





Recycle

Recycle is a verb that means

- Convert (waste) into reusable material.
- Return (material) to a previous stage in a cyclic process.
- Use again.

Example: The doormat is made from recycled tires.

Remodel

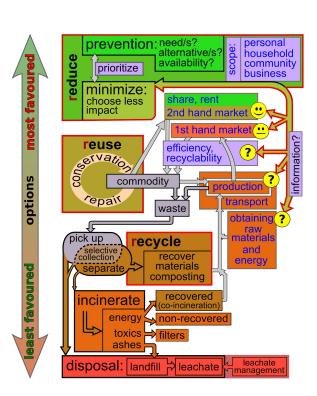
Can you identify what this lamp is made out of?



Reprocess

Definition: to deal with waste materials so that they can be used again.

Many steps may be involved depending on the materials involved.



Recover

If you have project to complete, sometimes the materials needed are already at your home.



Regenerate

Definition:

To become formed again.

Often times soda and water bottles are recycled and reformed again for the same purpose.

