

# Make Something New Out of Something

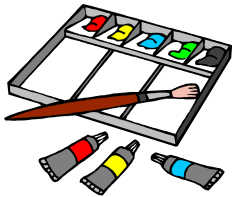
## Denim Purse

1 pair of old denim pants  
Decorative Ribbon, 2 yards  
Scissors  
Sewing machine

Decorations: iron on designs, patches, rhinestones, flowers, sequins, etc.



Cut the pants off the length of shorts, about 2 inches below the zipper, cutting off the crotch area. Decorate the outside of your purse with patches, rhinestones, flowers, etc. Making sure to cover any holes in the material. You can find a large variety of items in your craft closet, dollar store or craft store. Turn the purse inside out and sew across the bottom on the sewing machine. To create the strap of your purse use the leg of the jeans and use the front of the pant. Fold the edges and sew the two sides of the fabric together. Sew each end of the handle to the inside of the bag. Sew several stitches to secure the handle. Continue decorating with any additional items. Take the ribbon and run it through the belt loops and tie a bow. The tighter you tie the bow the more it closes your purse tight at the top. You can also use tulle to create a flower or make the belt.



## Pet Rock

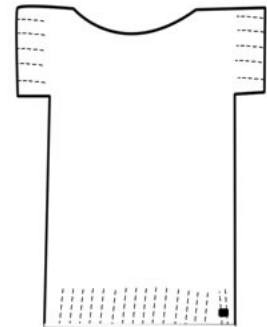
Smooth Rock  
Paint  
paintbrush  
Optional: googly eyes, glitter, etc.

Gather a rock that you would like to make your pet. Paint decorations and inspirational words on your rock. Add any optional decorations. Use your rock for a paper weight, place on your night stand or decoration.

## T-shirt Art

T-shirt  
Beads  
Scissors  
Sharpie or fabric markers (optional)

Use a shirt that you already have. Cut off the hem on the bottom of the t-shirt. Begin cutting fringes at the bottom of the t-shirt about 2 inches long. Place a bead on every other one of the fringes, securing with a knot at the end. For extra, you can fringe the sleeves. For extra you can use Sharpie or fabric markers to decorate your shirt.



## New Pillow

Favorite t-shirt or cardigan you have outgrown  
Needle and thread  
Old pillow  
Ribbon (optional)

Choose a shirt that is decorative or colorful that you have outgrown. Stitch the bottom and sleeves closed. Place the old pillow inside and then sew the top shut. You can also use the sewing machine to make it quicker. If you are using a cardigan, place the old pillow in the middle of the cardigan and button it closed and sew the arms together in the back of the pillow. Sew some ribbon on it for an extra touch (optional).