

Upcycled Wearable

Take inspiration from JANM's collection to transform everyday materials into wearable art.



Collection Connection

During World War II, many Japanese Americans turned to the arts as a way to occupy their time while unjustly incarcerated in America's Concentration camps. With limited access to art supplies, many makers found creative ways to use the materials around them.

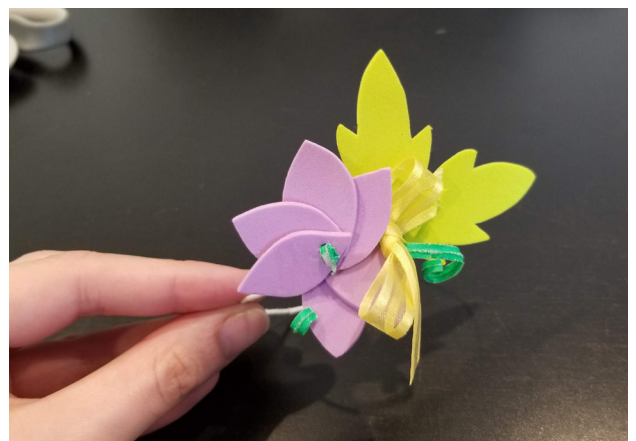
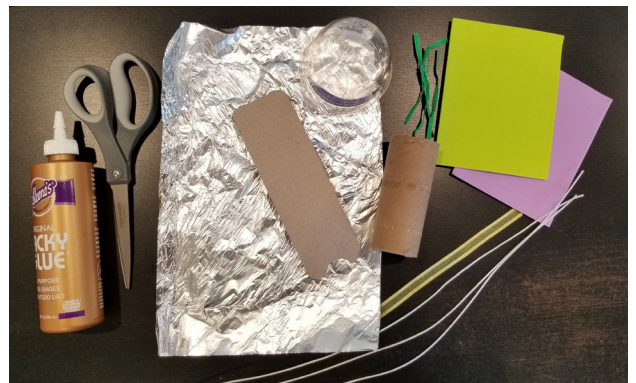
This lilac flower pin is made of wire, thread, and painted shells. The maker, Ryo Maruoka, was incarcerated in Topaz, Utah, and found the shells in the campgrounds, which had once been a sea bottom.

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Now it's your turn!

Take inspiration from materials you have in your home to create something unique that you can wear. You can make a pin (like the one pictured), a necklace, bracelet, or even a hat. The possibilities are endless!

- Start by gathering some materials and see how they inspire you.
- Challenge yourself to think of ways you can transform ordinary materials into something new and exciting.
- How can you make a toilet paper tube into something more?
- How can we use foil to make something truly unique?
- Settle on one idea or try a few!



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