

8 Incredible Upcycling Projects for Rainy Days

April showers mean rainy days perfect for spring upcycling projects

Spring showers make for May flowers, but they can be disheartening at the end of a long winter. Don't let rainy days get your down. You can keep busy, create beautiful things and get your home or condo spring-ready with these inventive upcycling projects.

Upcycling is the art of repurposing old items and is gaining popularity as it adds a touch of whimsy to homes and gardens across the country. It saves you money and its great for the environment because you save old items from the landfill and you don't increase your carbon footprint by buying something new. An added benefit is that most older items have already offgassed any chemicals which makes them healthier for your indoor air quality than newly-manufactured goods.

Vintage Bathtub Sofa

This may look a like a massive undertaking, but it really is just one cut with an angle grinder and a lick of paint. Get the complete instructions [here](#).

Upcycled Salad Bowl Mushrooms

A trip to your local charity shop should yield a wealth of old salad bowls and vases which you can glue together to create these crystal mushrooms for your garden. Get the full instructions [here](#).

Upcycled Teacup Lights

A ceramic drill bit is all you need to make this sweet little lamp that is perfect for kitchens or breakfast nooks. Get the step-by-step guide [here](#).

Tin Can Lanterns

All you need for this upcycling project is a tin, a nail and a

hammer. You can paint the tins too and use a tealight candle to create atmosphere in your home or garden. Get the full DIY [here](#).

Upcycled Soda Bottle Cat Planter

All these adorable planters need are a little paint and some artistic flair. You can get the full instructions from [Upcycle That](#).

Rolling Trunk Bar

Use this for a bar or a cabinet and give your old travel trunk a new lease on life. Get the instructions [here](#).

Repurposed Chair Swing

Legs on your favorite old chair break? No problem! Create this comfortable swing in no time at all. Get the instructions [here](#).

Upcycled Cocktail Umbrella Lamp

So you've partied hard, but you just don't have the heart to throw out all of those cute little cocktail umbrellas? Why not repurpose them to make this colourful lampshade? Get the instructions [here](#).

Upcycling can give the whole family a fun project to do when inclement weather keeps you indoors. These projects create conversation pieces for your home and also make great gifts.