

# Celebrate Youth Arts Month: Create a Car Cleanup Catcher!

## Welcome to Youth Arts Month Lesson 13!

**Stash your trash!**  
**Your car can be neat when kids  
decorate a milk carton to catch the clutter.**

**Are there always wrappers, napkins and  
straw papers strewn about in your car?**

**Help your kids create a Car Cleanup Catcher  
and they can help you  
keep your car free of clutter!**



### Supplies:

- \* neon crayons
- \* no-run school glue
- \* blunt-tip scissors
- \* yarn
- \* hole punch
- \* construction paper
- \* milk carton

**Directions:** Choose a creative theme for your trash container. You might make a hippo with its mouth wide open, a basketball basket or decorate your catcher with bright colors.

**1.** Open the top of a clean, dry half-gallon paper milk or juice carton. With scissors, cut construction paper to cover the carton. Attach it to the carton with school glue. Let it dry. **2.** To make a hungry monster, you could write FEED ME around the top of the catcher with neon crayons. Design a friendly monster face on the front, with hairy arms reaching up on the sides. Cut a jagged edge along the paper at the opening for its teeth. **3.** Punch two holes in the top of the carton. Loop yarn through the holes and tie so the cleanup catcher can hang in the car. **4.** "Feed" the Car Cleanup Catcher your trash whenever you ride in the car.

**More!**



## Safety Guidelines:

1. Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety. 2. ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.



## Parents:

This lesson is a great way to start teaching kids the importance of taking care of their environment. Kids can learn to enjoy being neat if you help them "feed" the car clean up catcher and make an enjoyable game out of cleaning.



## Educators:

Roadside trash is ugly and can be dangerous when it blows around or is run over by other vehicles. Teach your students about recycling and proper trash disposal.

Here's how long it takes for some common trash items to decompose:

aluminum can - 200 to 500 years

plastic bag - 20 to 30 years

plastic six-pack ring - 450 years

foam cup - 20 years

wax paper cup - 5 years

glass - never



## Art Thought for the Day:

A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers but borrowed from his children.

John James Audubon ~ ornithologist, naturalist and painter

