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Fun Projects that Celebrate and Honor Our Planet

There is no better time than April to give homage to our home of homes, Planet Earth. Without a healthy planet life as we know it would be impossible. Each of us can be stewards of the earth. Here are some fun ways to honor and celebrate our earth:

Plant a Tree: Head to your local nursery or go to the Arbor Day website and order a tree suitable for your climate. Trees provide shade, a house for animals, add beauty to a yard and help keep the air clean.

Compost: Composting can be as easy as creating a compost pile from your daily coffee grinds. Layer the grounds with some shredded paper or cardboard in your compost pile, cover and wait a few months. Voila! You now have fertilizer for your plants.

Plant an Herb Garden: Most herbs are easy to grow and most are perennial, which means they resume growing every year. Easiest starters are mint, sage, oregano, chives, thyme, rosemary and marjoram. Herbs can be used in food, teas, tinctures and added to cut flowers for added fragrance and interest.

Make a Bird House: Use a dried gourd, clean out the inside, make a hole in the side and fasten a rope or hanger to the top, Hang in a suitable

spot and observe what happens. If you're feeling fancy decorate your gourd birdhouse in a cheerful, bright color with flowers, geometric patterns and so forth.

Schedule a Neighborhood Clean Up: Grab some gloves and garbage bags and beautify your neighborhood by picking up trash. Kids especially like doing this because sometimes there are treasures to clean up and keep which come in handy for art projects.

Create an Upcycled Sculpture: Now that you've collected some treasures from your neighborhood clean-up walks, use these items to make a sculpture. You will be surprised at the many ways you can glue, tie, screw, nail or otherwise attach pieces together to create an interesting piece of art.

Create a Recycled Quilt or Pillow Cover: Cut out squares of old clothing or fabric that aren't suitable for donation and stitch into a throw or pillow cover.

Create Garden Rocks: Gather a few rocks or stones when on walks. Select a few favorites and decorate them with paint. Place strategically throughout your yard or garden.

Make a Tire Planter: If you have an old tire laying around, decorate it with paint, fill it with topsoil, and use it as a planter.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle and encourage others to do the same.

April Calendar

April 1 - April Fool's Day

April 15 - Tax Day

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 22 - Earth Day

April 24 - Arbor Day

Homeowner Tips



Garbage Disposal No-Nos

Things that should never, ever go down your garbage disposal include:

- 1) Coffee grounds (compost instead)
- 2) Grease, oil and fat
- 3) Potato peels, pasta, rice (starchy foods)
- 4) Shells and bones
- 5) Fibrous vegetables (like celery)
- 6) Fruit pits and hard seeds
- 7) Too much at one time

6 Old-Fashioned Frugal Living Habits That [Still] Make Sense

Making the most of your hard-earned money never goes out of style and can be a fun challenge. It also pushes you to think outside the box and develop creative ways to get what you need. Here are a few ideas:

Use decor that will stand the test of time; curate with intention. Less is more. Make each detail count.

Grow flowering houseplants and use them as table centerpieces instead of buying cut flowers.

Use cornstarch to remove stubborn stains like oil or grease. Simply cover the oil stain with

cornstarch and let it set for 15 to 20 minutes, allowing it to absorb the grease. Rub together a few times and throw in the wash.

Select plants that propagate themselves and are easy to grow (like the Chinese Money Plant on the right or succulents).

Get more undercounter space and keep it organized by installing a sturdy tension rod across the top. Hang your spray bottles on it using the triggers.

Prep your laundry to prevent damage to your clothes.



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Overnight Oats (Bircher Muesli Swiss Oats)

Bircher Muesli originated in Switzerland and is an easy-to-make breakfast that can be started the night before. It's also a fantastic way to add vitamin C via fruit while supporting your gut health. And it's known as a "slow GI meal" which means you'll stay fuller longer.

INGREDIENTS (per serving)

1/2 cup rolled oats

1/2 cup Cranberry or orange juice

Cinnamon to taste

Honey to taste

Handful walnuts

Handful raisins

Handful berries or fruit of choice

1/3 cup Greek yogurt or Kefir

DIRECTIONS

Soak oats in juice overnight in the refrigerator.

Fold in the Greek yogurt, cinnamon, raisins and honey.

Top with berries and walnuts.

