



## Top 10 Upcycle Ideas

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**Tip #1** - Don't toss out those little scraps of ribbon when you trim down a bow. Tie Baker's Twine or Linen Thread in the center for a quick and easy bow.

**Tip #2** - Oh, those pesky ribbons in the shoulders of sweaters and blouses. Save them! They make wonderful embellishments to cards. If the ribbon is

**Tip #3** - Time to dig into the back of your make-up drawer for 2 hacks. Pull out that old eyeshadow or blush. Stamp an image in VersaMark and brush on the eyeshadow with that little sponge or small make-up brush and you have a shimmery image. Use an old make-up brush for a fabulous stipple on your cards (be sure to clean it first!)

**Tip #4** - Pop tabs – did you know these make great ribbon buckle slides? I have beverages that have black tabs but if you want a custom color, find some old nail polish and paint them.

**Tip #5** - Junk mail can be recycled but why not upcycle it and make some fun flowers, detailed die cuts, or even sentiment dies.

**Tip #6** - Did you know that Stampin' Up!'s photopolymer stamps have a 'free' window sheet in them? Save them and use on all kinds of different projects. **BONUS:** The lighter sheet can be run through an embossing folder to create great texture and shine on a card layer.

**Tip #7** - When you've used up an entire sheet of Stampin' Dimensionals, save those 'bones'. They are perfect for shaker frames or long sentiments – and they don't cost you a thing.

**Tip #8** - Laundry and crafting don't go together BUT this is the one exception. Save your used dryer sheets and place in-between your cardstock and your detailed dies. The dryer sheet makes removing those intricate pieces a breeze.

If your ribbon is curling from being on a spool, run it through a fresh dryer sheet and watch the curl disappear.

**Tip #9** - Use the lightweight cardboard that comes behind Designer Series Paper and create masks. Punches or dies are perfect for this.

**Tip #10** – What to do with those little strips of cardstock or Designer Series Paper? Add them to a piece of copy paper (or junk mail works too!). **BONUS:** Die cut from them and now you have a window layer you can use on another card.