

2022 Mini-Challenge:

Upcycle Your Way to Greatness!

‘Upcycling’ is a fun and creative way to be kind to the environment and expand your expressive voice. The idea is to take an existing element or item and ‘improve’ it into something more beautiful or more useful.



The challenge is to find something that is no longer useful; in your closet, at a thrift store or around the house. The item should spark something in you. Do you love the fabric?, the color?, the shape? Let that initial interest lead you to explore a new way to use the material. Take a photo of your starting point. Then, follow the creative thread toward its end. Restyle your find into a small quilt, a shadow box, a wall piece, a wearable item or anything at all!

Feel free to add additional materials to your find. But, since this is a basic ‘something from nothing’ project, please try to keep your expenditure under \$25. It would be fun to know how much each of you spent on your upcycled piece!

Winners will be determined by vote of the membership at the November 28th general meeting. Lots of fun & even a few prizes! We have had amazing participation for the past two mini-challenges. We can’t wait to see what great uncycled treasures you produce!

Pat Roberts, from the Truckee Meadows Quilt Guild, joined us at the August meeting. She shared her techniques for upcycling lace into her art pieces. You may be inspired to incorporate some of Pat’s ideas into your own upcycle project!

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