



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 1

I purchased two wood bowls for 50c each from the Recovery Shop in Glenorchy and was given the log of wood. I first sprayed the bowls white with 2 coats of paint and waited for a few hrs to stick on the circle stickers I had made from old stickers. Then sprayed the bowls red. Once dried I remove the stickers, showing the white circles. I liquid nail the bowls to the wooden log and now my recycled items it a lovely red and white spotted mushroom in my garden.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 2

I revamped the wheelbarrow by treating it with anti-rust the sprayed it purple. I used the rusty wire vase for the fences and the base became the pond in the fairy garden, I used the grass bundle to make a little broom, I used the shovel and little pottery vase in the garden, I cut up and used the little metal flower as a tree and flower in the fairy garden and I used the fairy magnet as my fairy in the Fairy Garden. I brought some more items from the Recovery shop. Now I am watching my Fairy Garden Growing



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 3



REUSE WONDER - ENTRY 3 Australia Day Little Bar Table

I had an old gas outdoor heater that didn't work anymore, which was heading to go to the tip. I decided to recycle it and make something out of it. I went to the Recovery Shop in Glenorchy and looked around till I found the table top and thought I could make a little bar table out of the old Gas Heater. I purchased it for \$4 and returned home to pull the heater apart. Taking out the gas line which I can reuse. I attached the table top with a high grade sealaflix and then found the Australian Day umbrella. I slipped the umbrella into the pole that was still remaining attached to the base and now have a lovely little Bar Table.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 5

I bought the dolls from the Recovery Shop, I clean them up and knit or crochet.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 6

I get jumpers and old blankets, preferring items that are very worn or 'holy' and, I guess, of not too much use any more. Step 1: unpick the jumpers into balls of wool Step 2: ply the yarns together from a number of jumpers on my spinning wheel Step 3: felt the yarns with plenty of hot water Step 4: wind felted yarns into balls Step 5: choose what yarns go together Step 6: set up the loom Step 7: weave up the rugs Step 8: add strips of felted blankets for fun Step 9: finish the rug and Step 10: **ENJOY**

I am always surprised how the rugs come together as the creating of a rug depends totally of the yarns I was able to create from the items I found. And it makes me happy to think that the jumpers previously knitted by someone else with love and care will have a second life and that the loving thoughts that went into the original item will carry over into the rugs



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 7

Here are some 'mushrooms' that I have made from some of the vases and bowls in the recovery shop. They can be used as lights or garden ornaments and I really like them.

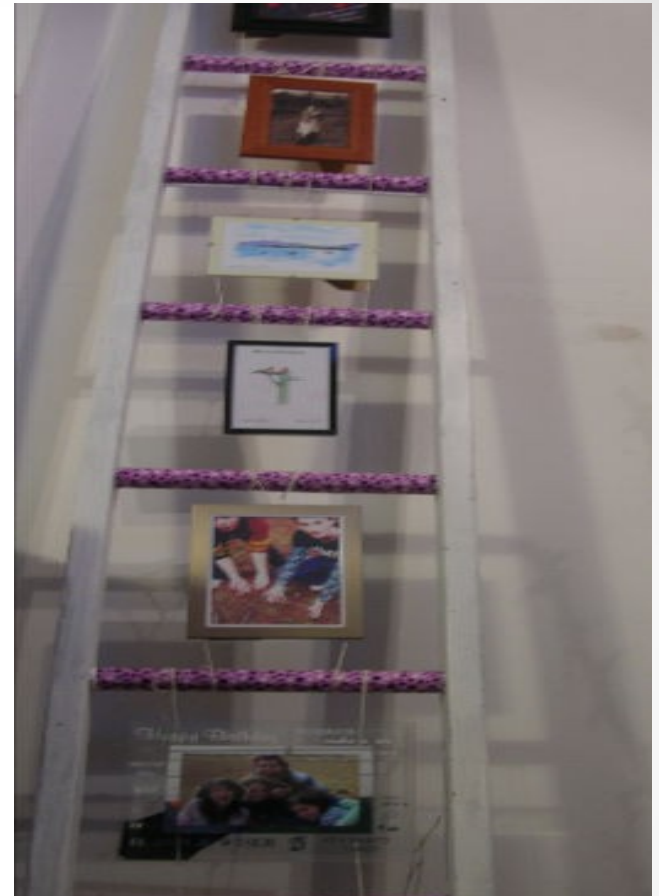


REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 8



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 9

I walked the aisles...failing to come up with anything that I thought would be suitable until I arrived at the barbecue section. To my amazement there was a proper spit rotisserie there for \$22. I almost ran back to the counter to pay. I attached a broken bicycle chainwheel, linked two bike chains back to the modified \$8 exercise bike (two spockets on front hub, beerholder from coathanger) and loaded it up with two legs of lamb. The barbecue pit was made from two old 'I' Girder offcuts I bought for \$19 with bricks at the ends. The spit was held up on a steel droppers, sat at the drive end on some training wheels, and at the non-drive end in the chainguard of the exercise bike. Partygoers were required to do a shift or two on the bike till the lamb was done a couple of hours later. It was succulent, terrific, wonderful and had vegetarians reverting.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 10

I've had a lot of fun.....Did I mention a lot of fun? Tutorials for all the projects are up at my blog, if anybody's interested

<http://www.bagsofcharacter.blogspot.com.au/2012/07/all-projects.htm>



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 11



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 12



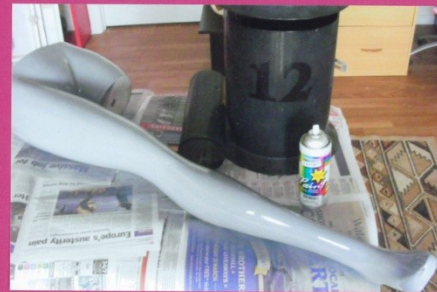
REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 13

I use items I purchase as props for my vintage photography portraits. The necklace in photo one was made from bits at the Recovery Shop, and the umbrella in photo two



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 14

I reuse containers of all types for my succulent garden



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 15



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 16

Stain glass mirror, stain glass and frame from The Recovery Shop



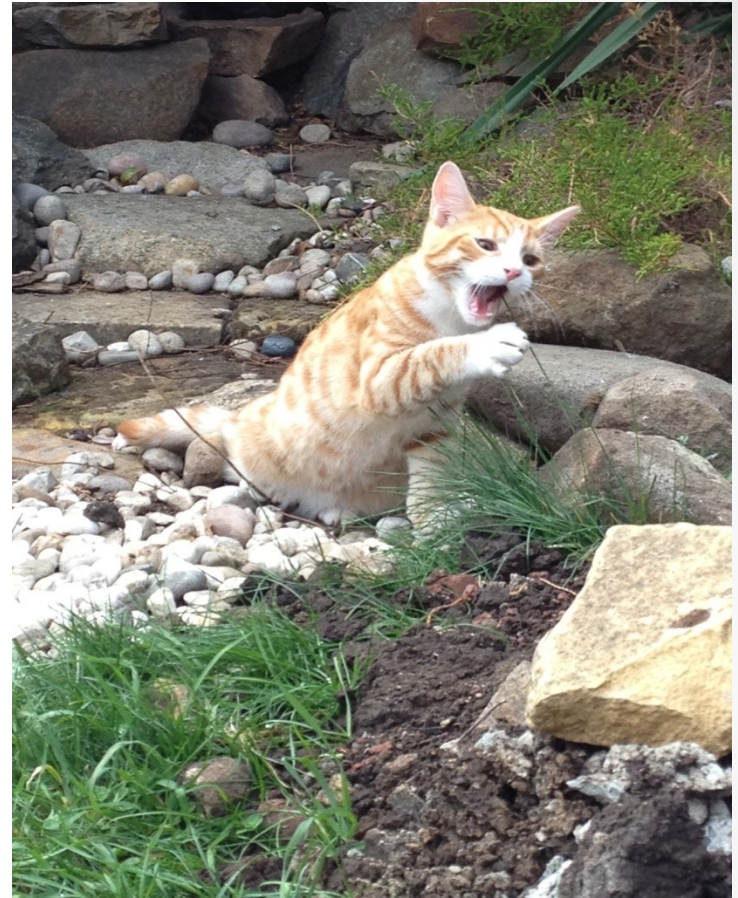
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REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 18



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 19



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 20

Mr Bliss Cat was found by Recovery Tas owners in a nest of feral kittens under the office, four kittens were found but only one was kept for the good life. Mr Bliss Cat has some health issues – but he is a lover and a fighter!



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 21

Both the doors and vertical board materials were sourced from the Recovery Shop – we call it posh national parks!



REUSE WONDER: 22

Made out of old pallets – all for sale 0419 854 784





REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 23

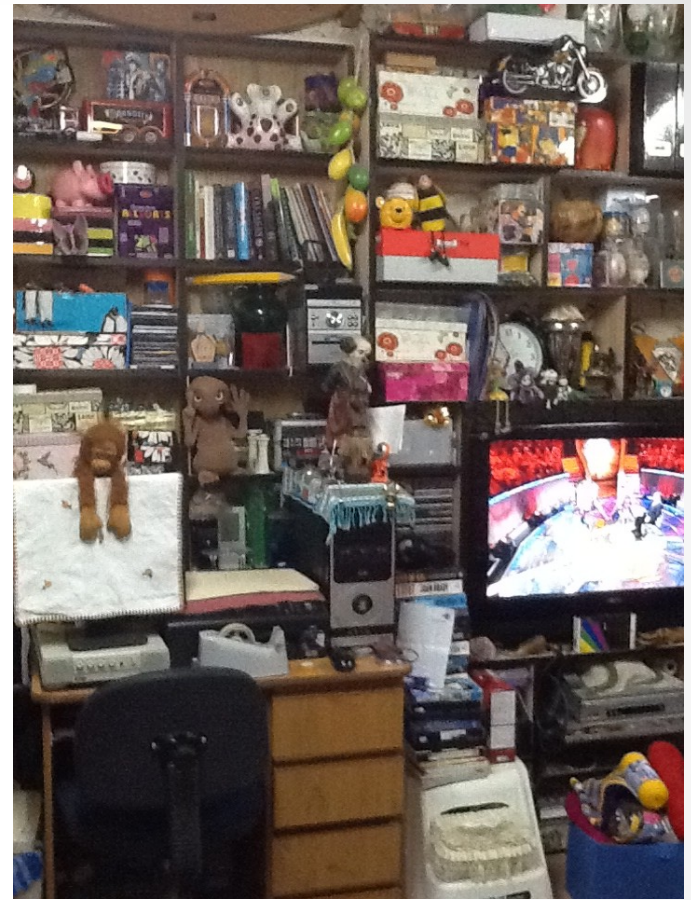
We bought this second-hand book shelf from the recovery shop in 2010. I was looking for an interesting piece of furniture to make a unique dolls house for our daughter. We pulled it apart, extended the height of the shelves, added a tree house and platform, swing, ladders and garden, decorated with second-hand flocked wall paper and hand painted a rock wall.

Two year on its still a favourite.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 24

This is our garden arch made from iron and some timber from The Recovery Shop plus again some of the surrounding items & the cupboard [on right] was from the Recovery Shop plus the watering can clay pots and a few other pieces used to make a garden display.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 25

....Revel!



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 26

We built the old roofing iron shack, it was built with rusty roofing iron from The Recovery Shop and also the windows



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 27



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 28

I built the cabinet out of recycled timber. The draw handles are ebony piano keys, the base that my planes sit on was drawing board and the spacers between the planes were the rest of the piano keys. Veneer came from a couple of sources and the frame was made from an old Tassie Oak wardrobe. And the drawers were made from recycled Tassie oak kitchen cupboards. Total cost was under \$150 including finishings.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 29

This is my pulp mill shrine, made from old heater, cake mold and toys.



REUSE WONDER: ENTRY 30

An old mantle piece I bought from The Recovery Shop with my old man over 1 year ago. I used particle board to build a bar for my man cave. With a little perseverance and some fun this is what happens