

FAQ's

What can you put in an Ecobrick?

YES

- Plastic packaging (Crisp packets, Sweet, chocolate, biscuit wrappers etc.)
- Supermarket plastic bags
- Plastic straws
- Cling film
- Dried pens/markers
- Sticky labels

What will my Ecobrick be made into?

We will be making your Ecobricks into a big festival chair for selfies and to spread the word about Ecobricks. After the festival, the chair is going to an outdoor wedding and then onto a school or eco project. Please email Grace if you are interested in using them.

Health & Safety

Always wash your hands after handling any kind of waste. Use gloves to protect your hands from any sharp edges if you are using harder plastics or scissors.

NO

- Biodegradables/Food waste - put these into your compost bin instead
- Paper/cardboard- these can be recycled
- Glass and Metal - these can be recycled

Want to know more?

To find out more about this project, visit www.artinpark.co.uk

For more information on making ecobricks, visit www.ecobricks.org

Why make Ecobricks?

By turning your bottles and soft plastics into ecobricks, you are taking waste out of landfill and are stopping plastics from harming wildlife by preventing them from flying off into the oceans. Ecobricks trap plastic and keep it out of the biosphere. When plastics are littered, burned or dumped they will degrade into poisonous chemicals that will enter the land, air and water, later absorbed by plants and animals. They also empower communities to go zero-waste and offer a low-energy solution to plastic.

Thank you

This project has been sponsored by Leamington Town Council who share our ambition to raise awareness about plastic consumption.



Many thanks for contributing to this project and see you at the Festival.

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Ecobrick Festival Art Installation

How to make an Ecobrick

Welcome to Leamington Art in the Park's Ecobrick festival project for August 3rd & 4th in Jephson gardens.

We'd like to invite you, your friends, school and community to make an Ecobrick to raise awareness about plastic consumption, its impact on our environment and how Ecobricks can be used for buildings, planters or furniture.

If you'd like to be involved then please email grace@artinpark.co.uk or call 07849964919 for advice, a presentation or a workshop.



So, what is an Ecobrick?

An Ecobrick is a plastic bottle filled to the brim with plastic that cannot be recycled. They can be used to build all sorts of things: art, furniture, walls, sheds or full-scale buildings such as schools or houses.

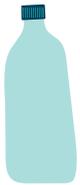
Ecobricks are a simple and exciting way for us to take responsibility for our plastic use, and to help prevent our plastics ending up in the oceans!

Instructions

How to make an Ecobrick

Ecobrick making is simple and straightforward. Ecobricks can be made by the young, the old and everyone in between - no machines or special skills are required! However, there are important guidelines to follow to ensure the quality and usability of your ecobricks.

You will need:



A plastic bottle (500ml, 1 litre or 1.5 litres)

Your bottle will need to be one of these sizes so that it will be the same size as everyone else's ecobricks. If the bottles are not the same size, they cannot be used to build something.



Clean and dry unrecyclable plastic

If your plastic is recyclable, please recycle it instead. If there is any food, oil or dirt on your plastic, be sure to wash then dry. Dirty plastic inside an ecobrick will lead to microbiological growth and methane forming inside your ecobrick. Since ecobricks are often used to make home furniture, using clean plastic is important. Dirty plastic can lead to unsightly ecobricks, bloated bottles and in rare cases, caps popping off.



A large stick

This is for poking the plastic into the bottle (you could even use a wooden spoon!)

Get making!



1 Use a soft coloured plastic to fill the bottle's bottom corners and any air pockets:

Choose a soft plastic with a solid colour, then push it down to the bottom of your Ecobrick. Pack it in with your stick to fill the first 1-2cms of the bottle. Cellophane bags work great. As our Ecobrick theme is water, we would recommend using a blue plastic - but other colours are good too!



3 Weigh and seal the bottle:

If your Ecobrick is under the correct weight, keep pushing more plastic in. If it is the correct weight, seal the bottle by putting the lid on tightly!

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2 Stuff the Ecobrick with plastics which have been cut into tiny pieces:

Now it's time to pack away! Use your stick to stuff clean, dry plastics into the ecobrick, packing down firmly as you go. Your brick needs to be very compact, which means you need to keep pushing the plastic down as you add to it. Cut down or twist larger pieces of plastic to make them easier to poke in and to prevent little pockets of air forming. This step may take a few weeks!



4 Drop your ecobrick off:

To the designated collection point (your school, community centre etc.) Grace will arrange with you when to collect them. Or drop your ecobrick in the named 'wheelie bin' outside the BID Leamington office at 35c Park Court, Park St (Mon-Sat, 9-5pm).