

ONE PLASTIC BAG

2015 “One Plastic Bag” Recycling Idea Contest Individual Entry Form Packet (Grades PreK - 8th)

Isatou Ceesay and the women of Njau used creativity to help solve the problems linked to plastic trash in their village. Their story proves that thinking up new ideas can be the start of making a change. Here's your chance to think up, explain, and draw an idea that turns a trash item into something new.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ City / ST / Country _____

Adult Name: _____ (circle one) Parent Teacher Other

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Step 1: Identify a trash problem.

What are some things that people throw away? Pick one item to focus on. Write it below.

Step 2: Brainstorm.

What could you turn this trash item into? Come up with a name for your new recycled creation. Write the name of the newly created product below.

Step 3. Design.

In the dotted box that's on the backside or other page of this form, draw or sketch a sample of what your new recycled creation or product would look like.

Step 4. Showcase.

Above your drawing, fill in the name of your product (from step 2). Below your drawing, write one or two sentences explaining how to make the new creation or what it could be used for.

Step 5. Enter the contest!

Enter your great idea in the official contest before the **May 7, 2015** deadline!

In-person: Give this entry form (both sides/pages filled out) to an activity leader if you're attending an official *One Plastic Bag* book tour event or school visit. (Events are listed at oneplasticbag.com)

Via email: Scan or photograph your entry form and send as attachments to OPBcontest@gmail.com. Include an adult's contact info so we can be in touch if the child wins or the entry will be featured online.

Via mail: Teachers, parents, or librarians should email OPBcontest@gmail.com to obtain the mailing address where you can send your students' contest entry forms via post / snail mail.

Have more questions? View the Contest FAQ at <http://oneplasticbag.com/earth-day-contest-for-kids/>

My recycled product is called:



Here's a picture of my idea:



More information about this creation/idea: _____

Child's first name _____ Grade _____ City/State _____



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2015 “One Plastic Bag” Recycling Idea Contest - Frequently Asked Questions

What is the 2015 “One Plastic Bag” Recycling Idea Contest?

The contest was designed to celebrate how Isatou Ceesay and the women of Njau used creativity to help solve the problems linked to plastic trash in their village. Their story proves that thinking up new ideas can be the start of making a change. This contest invites children in grades Pre-K through 8th to think up, explain, and draw their own idea that turns a trash item into something new.

How do I enter the contest?

If you’re attending any *One Plastic Bag* book tour events, you’ll be given an entry form and can turn it in to an activity leader. (View [events](#)). Otherwise, teachers and parents can download the entry form packet at oneplasticbag.com/earth-day-contest-for-kids and follow the five-step instructions.

I’m a teacher or librarian. Can I send all of my students’ entries in at once?

Yes. You can email them as a single or multiple attachments (up to 10GB per email) or snail-mail them. If you’re mailing them in, you’ll only have to write the “adult name” and “contact info” once on a cover letter for all the entries instead of on every individual form. To obtain the contest mailing address simply email OPBcontest@gmail.com and you will receive the postal address to send entries to.

When is the contest deadline?

May 7, 2015. Please email or postmark all entries by this date.

When will winners be announced?

We’re hoping to announce the winners by the end of May 2015.

What are the prizes?

The winning entries (and any honorable mentions) will be featured on the national site at oneplasticbag.com, plus the winner in each bracket will receive one of the recycled coin pouches from Gambia, Africa! The winners’ classroom (or homeschool group) will also receive a free Skype visit from author Miranda Paul plus a signed copy of the book for their school or homeschool library!

Do little kids compete with big kids?

The contest is open to any child in grades Pre-K through 8th grade (approx. ages 3-14). However, the judges will take a child’s age/grade into consideration. Judges will award one winner in each bracket:

Bracket 1: Pre-K through 1st grade

Bracket 2: 2nd grade - 5th grade

Bracket 3: 6th grade - 8th grade

How will the entries be judged?

Judges will select winners based on originality and plausibility as well as execution of design, product name, and written information provided on the form.

Is there a fee to enter the contest?

No. The contest is free and students may enter as many different ideas as they’d like.

What if I have a question that isn’t answered here?

Good question! Fill out our [contact form](#) here and we’ll get back to you as soon as we can.