



# Green<sup>2</sup> Plan – Junior Jeweler Badge

**Purpose:** Learn how to make beautiful jewelry while keeping your process sustainable, eco-friendly, and waste-free.

## Overall Green<sup>2</sup> Strategies

- Materials: Use only upcycled, thrifted, or donated beads, wire, fabric, and charms.
- Tools: Borrow or share jewelry tools instead of buying new.
- Packaging: Store and gift jewelry in reused boxes, jars, or fabric pouches.
- Inspiration: Look to nature & cultural designs for ideas, focusing on long-lasting, repairable pieces.

#### Step 1 - Get to Know the Tools of the Trade

Goal: Learn about basic jewelry-making tools and techniques.

- Use troop- or family-owned pliers, cutters, and beading boards.
- Learn techniques through free online tutorials or library books.
- Practice with scrap wire or string instead of buying new.

#### Step 2 - Make a Simple Beaded Piece

Goal: Create your first piece of jewelry.

- Use beads from broken jewelry, thrift finds, or swap events.
- Thread onto reused fishing line, string, or fabric strips.
- Make bracelets, anklets, or keychains that can be restrung later.

#### Step 3 - Turn Everyday Objects into Jewelry

Goal: Upcycle common items into wearable art.

- Use buttons, washers, coins, or bottle caps as charms.
- Cut shapes from aluminum cans or scrap leather for pendants.
- Turn old fabric into braided or wrapped bracelets.

## Step 4 - Create Something Inspired by Nature

Goal: Incorporate natural elements into your jewelry.

- Use smooth stones, seeds, shells, or dried flowers.
- Collect only fallen or safe-to-take items—never remove living plants.
- Pair with upcycled findings for a nature-meets-reuse design.

### Step 5 - Share Your Jewelry Skills

Goal: Show others what you've made and teach them to make their own.

- Host a jewelry swap and repair night for friends or family.
- Gift jewelry in reusable fabric pouches or jars.

• Share photos and "how-to" steps digitally instead of printing instructions.

## **At-Home & Family Connection**

- Repair a piece of broken jewelry with a family member.
- Ask relatives if they have unused pieces you can redesign.
- Host a family jewelry-making afternoon using only materials from home.

## Waste-Free Wrap-Up

- Reflect as a troop: Which jewelry-making method created the least waste?
- Pass leftover materials to another troop or school art program.
- Store tools and supplies in reusable containers for future projects.