



**5 BENIFITS**

**REUSING  
PACKAGING  
VERSES  
RECYCLING**

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# A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THOSE WITH A PASSION FOR SUSTAINABILITY”

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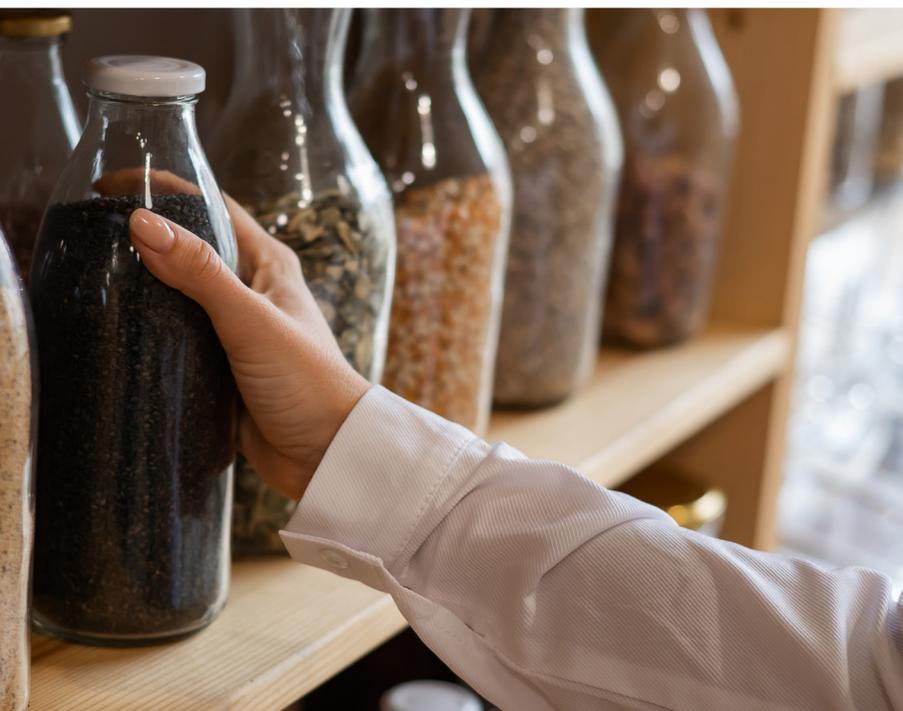
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"Discover How Reusing Packaging Can Transform Your Home and Lifestyle, Empowering You to Make a Lasting Impact on the Environment and Unleash Your Sustainable Superpowers!"

# REUSING PACKAGING

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Lets dive into the incredible impact that reusing packaging can have on both the environment and your daily life. By choosing to reuse, you're not only reducing waste but also contributing to a sustainable future for generations to come.



## Reducing Environmental Footprint:

Reusing packaging drastically cuts down on the demand for new materials and energy, thereby decreasing pollution and conserving natural resources.

## Economic Savings:

Reusing packaging can save you money in the long run by reducing the need for frequent purchases of disposable alternatives. I love going to "fill your own" wholefoods stores where you take a jar and fill it yourself

## Conscious Consumerism:

Learning how reusing packaging aligns with a mindful lifestyle, encouraging you to make intentional choices that support the planet.

As Rachel Carson once said, "The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction."

**REUSING PACKAGING IS LIKE  
PLANTING A TREE - IT STARTS  
SMALL BUT GROWS INTO A  
POWERFUL FORCE THAT  
BENEFITS THE ECOSYSTEM.**

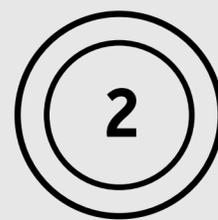
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# EMBRACING SUSTAINABLE HABITS: REUSING VS. RECYCLING



Fundamental difference between reusing and recycling, and why reusing is the superior choice when it comes to minimising our ecological footprint. Lets also put the pressure on companies to quit the single use plastic refills and deal with reusing their packaging themselves.



## Energy Consumption:

Recycling consumes more power energy compared to reusing, making reusing a more efficient way to conserve resources.

## Avoiding Downcycling:

The limitations of recycling, including downcycling. In Australia recycled glass is used as road base. Which is good, but we still need to make more glass jars....so reuse!



## Personal Empowerment:

Reusing gives you direct control over your environmental impact, allowing you to be an active part of the solution. Most recycling facilities will dump loads if there is a single contaminant

Mahatma Gandhi wisely put it, "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

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**REUSING PACKAGING IS LIKE TENDING TO A GARDEN - IT REQUIRES ONGOING CARE AND ATTENTION TO FLOURISH.**

# CREATING YOUR ECO-FRIENDLY PACKAGING STATION



Setting up your very own eco-friendly packaging station in a designated space for reusing packaging, you'll not only streamline your sustainable efforts but also inspire others to follow suit.

## Organised Convenience:

A dedicated area in your home for storing and organizing reusable packaging materials, making it easy to access and utilize them. I have a walk in pantry where i house all my reusables, its been a journey as i make room for them , rehoming unused kitchen appliances & equipment.

## Materials and Supplies

Essential items you'll need for your packaging station, including boxes, paper bags, envelopes, padding, glass jars, glass bottles, aluminum bottles, cloth to wrap food, veggie bags, tote bags, ties, calico bags for bread, tins. The more you reuse the less clutter in your "reuse space"



## DIY Packaging Solutions:

Get creative with repurposing materials from your packaging station to craft unique and personalized packaging solutions that showcase your commitment to sustainability. Eg scarves, kids drawings, big paper bags with the handles cut off for wrapping paper.

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PACKAGING STATION IS LIKE  
ASSEMBLING THE PIECES OF A  
JIGSAW PUZZLE - EACH ITEM FINDS  
ITS PLACE TO CREATE A COMPLETE  
AND HARMONIOUS PICTURE

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Creativity and innovation! Exciting do-it-yourself ideas that will transform your reusable packaging into stunning works of art and spread the message of sustainability in a fun and engaging way.

## Unleash Your Creativity

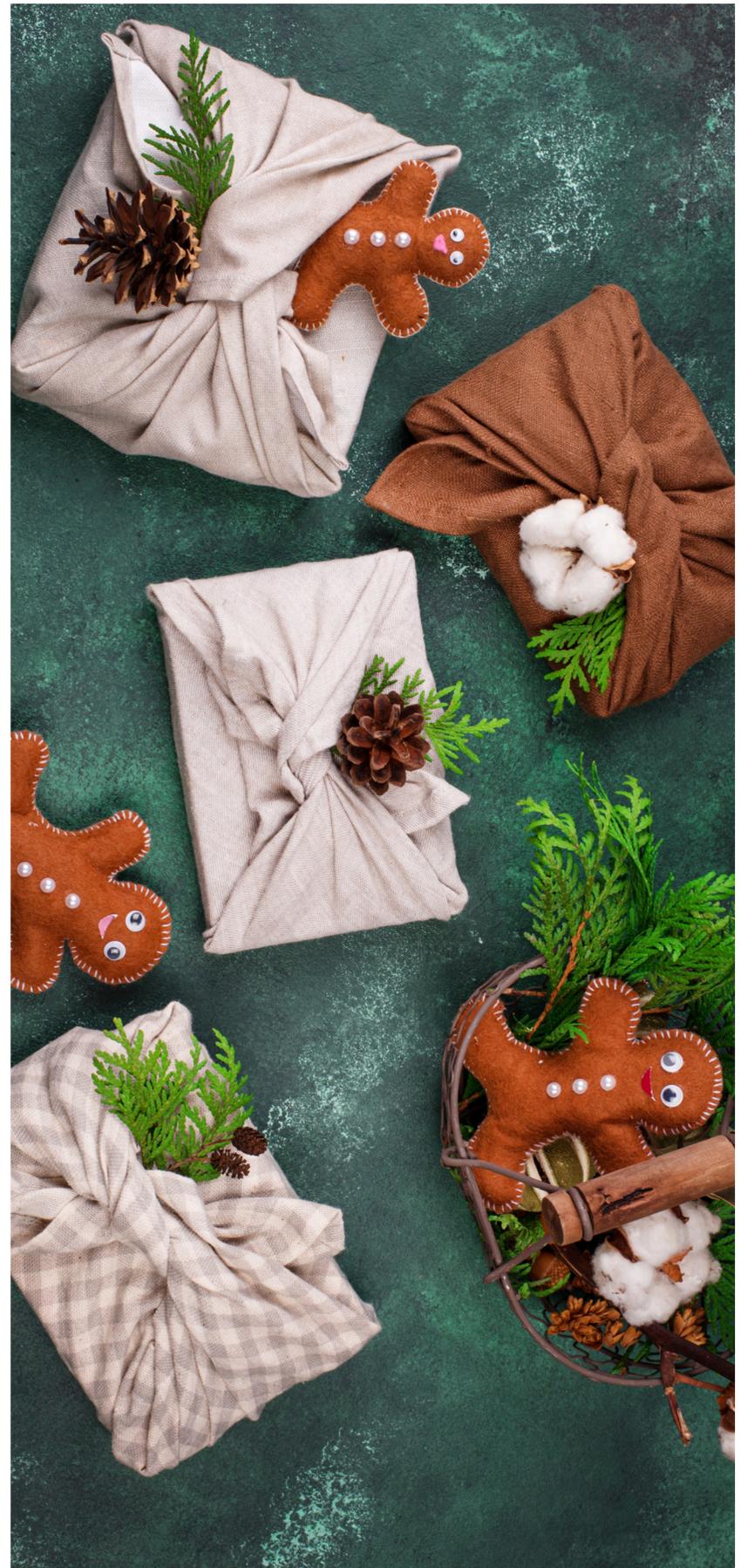
Decorate pressies with flowers from your garden, i love using rosemary personally with a piece of dried orange or lemon, its just such a lovely smell.

## Personalization with Purpose:

Adding handwritten notes, drawings, instead of a shop bought card can make your packaging feel unique and special to the recipient.

## Eco-Chic Wrapping:

Learn how to wrap gifts and items using reusable fabric, newspaper, or even old maps, turning packaging into an extension of your eco-conscious lifestyle.



# REUSING BEYOND PACKAGING



In this final chapter, principles of reusing and sustainability extend far beyond packaging. Embrace a holistic approach to living that aligns with your passion for the environment, lets fill those reuse bottles with some DIY

## Simple Homemade Cleaning Spray

Ingredients:

- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup water
- 20-30 drops essential oil (like lemon or lavender)
- Clean reused spray bottle

Instructions:

1. Mix vinegar and water in the spray bottle.
2. Add 20-30 drops of essential oil
3. Shake well.
4. pour into a reuse spray bottle
5. Spray on surfaces and wipe with a cloth or sponge.
6. Let sit for a few minutes on tough spots before wiping.



## Homemade Label Removal Solution

- Baking soda
- Cooking oil
- Dish soap
- Warm water
- Soft cloth

Steps:

1. Mix equal parts baking soda and cooking oil.
2. Spread mixture on label residue.
3. Wait 10-15 minutes.
4. Gently scrub with soft cloth.
5. Rinse jar with warm water.
6. Wash with dish soap.



**NURTURING A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE IS LIKE TENDING TO A GARDEN OF POSITIVE CHOICES. EACH ACTION, LIKE A SEED, CONTRIBUTES TO A GREENER, HEALTHIER FUTURE.\***

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**As Mahatma Gandhi  
once said**

**"You must be the  
change you wish to  
see in the world."**

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