Recycle Project Ideas For High School

Here's a list of 229+ unique recycling project ideas for high school students:

Paper and Cardboard:

- 1. **Origami flower bouquets** Fold the paper into pretty flowers.
- 2. Cardboard castle playhouse Build a big pretend castle.
- 3. Recycled notebook covers Decorate old books creatively.
- 4. Paper mache globes Make world maps.
- 5. Cardboard tube bird feeders Help birds with recycled rolls.
- 6. **Newspaper seed starters** Grow plants in paper pots.
- 7. Paper bead jewelry Make necklaces from old pages.
- 8. Cardboard furniture Design chairs from boxes.
- 9. Recycled paper planters Grow herbs in paper pots.
- 10. Cardboard marble maze Create a fun puzzle game.

Plastic:

- 11. Plastic bottle wind spirals Colorful spinning garden decorations.
- 12. **Bottle cap mosaics** Make pictures with caps.
- 13. Plastic bag yarn crafts Crochet with recycled bags.
- 14. Bottle planters Grow flowers in bottles.
- 15. Plastic spoon mirrors Decorate mirrors creatively.
- 16. Plastic bottle bird houses Help birds with recycled homes.
- 17. Soda bottle chandeliers Make pretty hanging lights.
- 18. Plastic lid coasters Create fun drink holders.
- 19. **Bottle cap wind chimes** Make musical garden decorations.
- 20. Plastic bottle watering cans Help plants with homemade tools.

Glass:

- 21. Painted glass vases Decorate jars for flowers.
- 22. Glass mosaic art Make pictures with broken glass.
- 23. **Tinted glass candle holders** Create pretty mood lighting.
- 24. Glass bottle wind chimes Musical garden decorations.
- 25. Etched glass containers Design fancy storage jars.
- 26. Glass pebble magnets Make fridge decorations.
- 27. Stained glass sun catchers Hang colorful window decorations.
- 28. Glass bottle terrariums Grow mini gardens inside.
- 29. Painted glass luminaries Create glowing outdoor lights.
- 30. Glass jewelry dishes Make pretty trinket holders.

Metal:

31. **Tin can planters** - Grow flowers in cans.

- 32. Soda can airplanes Build toy planes.
- 33. Bottle cap art Create pictures with caps.
- 34. **Metal wind spinners** Make garden decorations.
- 35. **Tin can luminary** Create glowing outdoor lights.
- 36. Spoon and fork jewelry Make necklaces from utensils.
- 37. License plate birdhouses Help birds with car tags.
- 38. Can lid photo frames Display pictures creatively.
- 39. Soda tab bracelets Make wearable can art.
- 40. Metal sculpture garden art Build outdoor decorations.

Fabric and Clothing:

- 41. **T-shirt quilts** Sew old shirts together.
- 42. **Jean pocket organizers** make wall storage.
- 43. Sweater mittens Turn sweaters into gloves.
- 44. Fabric scrap rugs Weave colorful floor coverings.
- 45. Necktie belts Make accessories from ties.
- 46. Sock puppets Create fun hand puppets.
- 47. **Denim plant holders** Grow flowers in jeans.
- 48. Braided t-shirt headbands Make hair accessories.
- 49. **Fabric scrap bookmarks** Create pretty page markers.
- 50. Upcycled clothing bags Turn clothes into totes.

Electronics:

- 51. Circuit board jewelry Make necklaces from computers.
- 52. **CD suncatchers** Hang shiny window decorations.
- 53. **Keyboard key art** Create pictures with keys.
- 54. Computer fan clocks Tell time with old parts.
- 55. Phone case planters Grow tiny plants.
- 56. Floppy disk notepads Write on old disks.
- 57. Hard drive clocks Make timepieces from computers.
- 58. **CD mosaic mirrors** Decorate with shiny discs.
- 59. **USB drive jewelry** Wear tech as accessories.
- 60. **Old phone photo frames** Display pictures on phones.

Food Packaging:

- 61. Cereal box magazine holders Organize papers creatively.
- 62. **Egg carton seed starters** Grow plants in cartons.
- 63. Coffee can planters Plant flowers in cans.
- 64. Pringles can hold pencil holders and store supplies neatly.
- 65. Milk jug bird feeders Help birds with jugs.
- 66. Pizza box solar ovens Cook with sun power.
- 67. Yogurt cup desk organizers Sort small items neatly.
- 68. Bread tag bookmarks Mark pages with clips.
- 69. **Tin can wind chimes** Make musical garden decorations.
- 70. **K-cup mini planters** Grow tiny plants.

Rubber and Tires:

- 71. **Tire swing** Make playground fun.
- 72. Rubber band bracelets Create colorful accessories.
- 73. Tire planter Grow flowers on wheels.
- 74. Rubber stamp art Make pictures with erasers.
- 75. Tire ottoman Build a comfy footrest.
- 76. Rubber mulch Make playground safer.
- 77. **Tire obstacle course** Create outdoor fitness fun.
- 78. Rubber band balls Make bouncy toys.
- 79. Tire seesaw Build playground equipment.
- 80. Rubber shoe soles Fix old shoes.

Wood:

- 81. Pallet planters Grow flowers in wood.
- 82. Wooden spoon puppets Make fun characters.
- 83. Paint stick picture frames Display photos creatively.
- 84. Scrap wood wall art Decorate with wood pieces.
- 85. Clothespin photo holders Display pictures with clips.
- 86. Wood slice coasters Make drink holders.
- 87. Popsicle stick bracelets Create colorful jewelry.
- 88. Wooden spool organizers Sort small items neatly.
- 89. **Driftwood candle holders** Make beach-themed decorations.
- 90. Wooden crate shelves Build storage units.

Combination Materials:

- 91. **Bottle cap tabletop** Decorate furniture creatively.
- 92. Recycled material sculptures Build art from trash.
- 93. **Upcycled material collages** Make pictures from scraps.
- 94. **Mixed media jewelry** Create accessories from everything.
- 95. Recycled material mosaics Design pictures with scraps.
- 96. Trash fashion show Make clothes from waste.
- 97. **Eco-friendly board games** Design fun from recyclables.
- 98. **Recycled material instruments** Make music from the trash.
- 99. Upcycled fairy gardens Create mini worlds.
- 100. **Recycled material pinatas** Build party decorations.

School Supplies:

- 101. Pencil holder robots Make desk buddies.
- 102. Cravon candles Melt old colors.
- 103. Ruler picture frames Display photos neatly.
- 104. **Eraser stamp art** Create pictures with erasers.
- 105. Paper clip chains Make long necklaces.
- 106. **Binder clip photo holders** Display pictures creatively.
- 107. **Pencil shaving art** Create pictures from shavings.

- 108. **Notebook paper origami** Fold school paper.
- 109. **Marker cap mosaics** Make pictures with caps.
- 110. **Glue stick pincushions** Sew with recycled containers.

Sports Equipment:

- 111. **Tennis ball pencil holders** Store supplies in balls.
- 112. Hockey stick coat rack Hang jackets on sticks.
- 113. **Baseball mitt planters** Grow flowers in gloves.
- 114. **Golf ball ladybugs** Paint balls like bugs.
- 115. **Basketball hoop organizer** Sort items in the net.
- 116. **Ski pole coat rack** Hang jackets on poles.
- 117. **Skateboard shelf** Store books on the board.
- 118. **Bicycle wheel clock** Tell time with wheels.
- 119. **Football helmet planter** Grow plants in helmets.
- 120. **Badminton racket mirrors** Reflect with sports gear.

Office Supplies:

- 121. **Stapler pencil holder** Store supplies creatively.
- 122. Paper clip sculptures Build art from clips.
- 123. **Rubber band art** Make pictures with bands.
- 124. **Binder clip bag closures** Seal snacks with clips.
- 125. **Push pin cork boards** Make message boards.
- 126. **Tape dispenser planter** Grow plants in dispensers.
- 127. File folder organizers Sort papers neatly.
- 128. **Hole punch confetti art** Create pictures with dots.
- 129. **Dry-erase marker holders** Store markers creatively.
- 130. **Sticky note origami** Fold the paper into shapes.

Automotive:

- 131. **Hubcap clocks** Tell time with wheels.
- 132. Car part sculptures Build art from engines.
- 133. License plate mailboxes Get mail in style.
- 134. **Spark plug robots** Make characters from parts.
- 135. **Muffler planters** Grow flowers in pipes.
- 136. **Seat belt bag straps** Create bags from belts.
- 137. **Steering wheel mirrors** Reflect with car parts.
- 138. **Exhaust pipe lamps** Light up rooms with car pipes.
- 139. Air filter wall art Decorate walls creatively.
- 140. Engine block coffee tables Build unique furniture.

Toys:

- 141. **Toy car pencil holders** Store supplies in toys.
- 142. **Action figure keychains** Carry your favorite characters.
- 143. **Stuffed animal backpacks** Make bags from toys.

- 144. **Puzzle piece jewelry** Wear your puzzles.
- 145. **Toy brick organizers** Sort small items with blocks.
- 146. **Board game coasters** Make drink holders from games.
- 147. **Dollhouse furniture** Create tiny home items.
- 148. **Stuffed animal planters** Grow flowers in toys.
- 149. Toy car race tracks Build racing fun.
- 150. **Toy robot sculptures** Make art from toys.

Gardening:

- 151. **Newspaper seed pots** Grow plants on paper.
- 152. Plastic bottle greenhouses Protect plants in bottles.
- 153. **Egg carton planters** Start seeds in cartons.
- 154. **Tin can plant markers** Label plants creatively.
- 155. **Tire garden beds** Grow flowers in tires.
- 156. **Milk jug watering cans** Help plants with recycled jugs.
- 157. **CD plant scarecrows** Keep birds away with shiny discs.
- 158. Yogurt cup herb gardens Grow small plants indoors.
- 159. **Mason jar herb planters** Grow herbs in glass jars.
- 160. **Wine cork garden markers** Label plants with corks.

Pets:

- 161. **Pet bed from an old sweater** Cozy up your pet.
- 162. Bird feeder from a plastic bottle Feed the birds.
- 163. Cat toy from toilet paper rolls Fun for your kitty.
- 164. **Dog leash from old belts** Walk your dog in style.
- 165. **Fish tank decoration from CD cases** Pretty up the aquarium.
- 166. **Pet carrier from an old suitcase** Travel with your pet.
- 167. **Pet collar from old jeans** Fashion for pets.
- 168. **Hamster playground from cardboard** Fun for small pets.
- 169. **Bird perch from old broom** Make a comfy perch.
- 170. **Pet food bowl from old dishes** Upcycle for your pet.

Musical Instruments:

- 171. Pick a guitar from credit cards. Make music with plastic.
- 172. **Drumsticks from wooden spoons** Play beats with utensils.
- 173. **Shaker from plastic bottles** Make music with bottles.
- 174. **Harmonica from Popsicle Sticks** Craft a small wind instrument.
- 175. **Cymbals from tin can lids** Make noise with lids.
- 176. **Flute from old pens** Create tunes with pen parts.
- 177. **Xylophone from glass bottles** Fill and play melodies.
- 178. **Tambourine from jar lids** Make music with jars.
- 179. **Guitar from a cardboard box** Strum on a homemade instrument.
- 180. **Kazoo from toilet paper rolls** Play fun tunes.

Stationery:

- 181. **Paperclip earrings** Fashion accessories from clips.
- 182. **Pencil shavings art** Make pictures with shavings.
- 183. Staple-free stapler Bind papers with a fold.
- 184. **Sticky note mosaics** Create wall art with notes.
- 185. Rubber band balls Create a bouncy ball.
- 186. Binder clip bag clips Keep snacks fresh.
- 187. **Eraser stamps** Carve and stamp designs.
- 188. Paperclip necklaces Wear your office supplies.
- 189. **Pushpin wall art** Decorate with pins.
- 190. **Notebook paper origami** Fold and create.

Holiday Decorations:

- 191. Christmas tree from old books Stack and decorate.
- 192. Halloween lanterns from milk jugs Light up the night.
- 193. **Easter egg wreath from plastic eggs** Hang colorful decorations.
- 194. **Thanksgiving centerpiece from leaves** Create a fall table setting.
- 195. Valentine's Day heart from old fabric Sew love.
- 196. **Fourth of July banner from paper scraps** Celebrate with flags.
- 197. New Year's Eve confetti from old magazines Toss recycled joy.
- 198. **St. Patrick's Day shamrocks from cardboard** Craft a lucky charm.
- 199. Mother's Day bouquet from recycled paper Give mom flowers.
- 200. **Father's Day tool organizer from cans** Help Dad stay organized.

Transportation:

- 201. **Bicycle tire belt** Wear your ride.
- 202. Car seat cover bag Make a carryall.
- 203. License plate notebook cover Decorate your journals.
- 204. Bike chain bracelet Fashion for cyclists.
- 205. **Hubcap wall art** Decorate with wheels.
- 206. **Skateboard chair** Sit on your board.
- 207. Scooter handlebar hooks Hang your gear.
- 208. **Train ticket collage** Remember your trips.
- 209. **Subway map wallet** Keep your money safe.
- 210. **Bus pass bookmark** Mark your page.

Outdoor Adventures:

- 211. Backpack from an old tent Carry your camping gear.
- 212. Water bottle lantern Light up your path.
- 213. **Picnic blanket from old jeans** Sit comfortably outdoors.
- 214. Camping chair from old towels Rest in comfort.
- 215. **Hiking stick from broom handle** Steady your steps.
- 216. Sleeping bag from old blankets Stay warm.
- 217. **Tent peg holder from bottle caps** Organize your stakes.
- 218. **Waterproof map case from sandwich bags** Protect your map.
- 219. **Binoculars from toilet paper rolls** See nature up close.

220. Sunscreen holder from old lip balm - Stay sun-safe.

Kitchen Items:

- 221. **Measuring cup planter** Grow small herbs.
- 222. Cutting board tablet holder Follow recipes easily.
- 223. **Rolling pin towel holder** Hang your kitchen towel.
- 224. Spatula photo holder Display family photos.
- 225. Colander light fixture Illuminate your kitchen.
- 226. **Frying pan clock** Tell time while you cook.
- 227. Whisk photo frame Frame your memories.
- 228. Mug herb garden Grow plants on your windowsill.
- 229. **Teapot birdhouse** Help the birds in style.
- 230. Salt shaker pendant light Create unique lighting.

Event Planning:

- 231. Wedding centerpiece from old bottles Elegant and eco-friendly.
- 232. **Birthday banner from old magazines** Celebrate with color.
- 233. Baby shower favors from recycled jars Delight guests.
- 234. **Graduation cap from cardboard** Throw your cap in style.
- 235. Anniversary memory book from old cards Preserve your love.
- 236. **Retirement party decorations from office supplies** Celebrate the end of an era.
- 237. Holiday party favors from old ornaments Share the joy.
- 238. **Family reunion scrapbook from old photos** Cherish memories.
- 239. A housewarming gift from old wine corks Make your friend's day.
- 240. Charity event decorations from recycled banners Give back creatively.

Seasonal Projects:

- 241. Fall leaf wreath Decorate with nature.
- 242. Winter snow globe Capture the season.
- 243. **Spring flower pot** Grow something new.
- 244. **Summer sandcastle frame** Keep beach memories.
- 245. **Thanksgiving cornucopia** Display your bounty.
- 246. **Halloween candy holder** Trick-or-treat in style.
- 247. Christmas ornament from old light bulbs Light up the holidays.
- 248. **Easter basket from old newspapers** Hunt in an eco-friendly style.
- 249. Valentine's Day heart from cardboard Share the love.
- 250. Fourth of July sparklers from pipe cleaners Celebrate safely.

Home Decor:

- 251. Wall art from old records Decorate with music.
- 252. Photo frame from old books Showcase memories.
- 253. Lamp from old wine bottles Light up your room.
- 254. **Curtains from old sheets** Freshen up your space.

- 255. **Mirror from old CDs** Reflect with style.
- 256. **Vase from old jars** Hold your flowers.
- 257. **Pillow from old sweaters** Cuddle up in comfort.
- 258. **Rug from old t-shirts** Walk on memories.
- 259. Clock from old bike parts Tell time with style.