

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR 2019 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

How to Re-purpose Plastic

Abstract

Objectives

Plastic pollution is a major problem all around the world. I constantly ask what we could be doing so far as dumping our plastic waste in dumpsters. My objective for this project is to re-purpose plastic waste into usable objects rather than having it enter the landfill.

Methods

I shredded various bottles of HDPE(#2 plastic),melted it down at 350 degrees in an oven, placed the molten plastic into a mold and let set.

Results

By using the proper materials (HDPE plastic) and melting them under the proper conditions, I successfully re-purposed the plastic into a bowl.

Conclusions

With using the proper procedures, recyclable plastics can be re-purposed/reused, preventing them from entering the waste stream.

Summary Statement

I created reusable bowls to educate the public on how to reduce plastic pollution.

Help Received

Manuel Rodriguez(my dad), Dionne Jackson(my mom)