



# Broken Crayons Still Color!

Create colorful fish crayons with the broken pieces in your crayon box. Teach kids the benefits of recycling with something they enjoy. You can do it again and again! Here's what to do...

- We purchased a silicone ice cube tray from IKEA. They have fish but also hearts, stars, squares. Use whatever you like. This tray will only be used for art projects and no longer for food.
- Remove all wrappers from your crayons. Kids can help with this part.
- Sort the colors into groups. We did red and purple, blue and green, yellow and orange, black and white, and tan and brown. Kids can help with this part too.
- Place the broken pieces into the mold. Fill generously as the gaps will disappear. Don't overflow and let colors pour into neighboring trays. Break larger pieces into smaller if needed. We used pruning shears to cut the crayons into manageable pieces.
- Place your silicone trays on a baking sheet or cooking tray.
- Place in oven and heat at 250 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until the crayons are melted. If some trays aren't full enough, you can toss another crayon in on top.
- Carefully remove tray and try not to tilt side to side as the liquid crayons will stick to the sides. Pop the bubbles with a toothpick. Cool completely.
- Once crayons are completely cool and dry, stretch the silicone tray carefully around the narrow tail area until the fish fall out on their own. If you break a fish, place the pieces back in the tray, melt in the oven, and try again.
- Repaint your crayon box while you're at it! Keep some broken pieces to use as "fish food."

## Colorful Fish!



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