



MAKE A JUMP ROPE FROM REPURPOSED MATERIALS

Maker Jump Rope from ScrapsKC

ScrapsKC collects school supplies for reuse. When the donated markers are dried and can't be used, we turn them into new things! Some of the markers are recycled into new plastic toys and some are repurposed into marker lid jump ropes! To recycle and repurpose, we have to take the markers apart and remove the ink cartridges. Then we wash the barrels and lids, and drill holes in the lids so they can be strung like beads on a cord.



Before you make your jump rope, decide the color order for your lids. Untie the cord and find an end. Your two marker barrels will be the jump rope handles. String the cord through one of the marker barrels, passing the cord through the writing end first. Pull the cord all the way out of the end, tie a good knot, and pull the knot the other way, back into the barrel, until it catches. Your first lid should be strung so it snaps on the marker barrel.

The first and last lids will snap onto the marker barrels but the other lids can go either direction. When you get to your desired length, string the second marker barrel handle with the writing end towards the last lid. Take out the slack by pulling the cord as tight as you can out of the marker barrel end, tie a good knot as close to the marker as you can. Let the knot slide back down into the barrel to make sure it catches securely. Cut off extra cord. The final rope will have some slack for flexibility.



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