

CARTON CRAFT ACTIVITY

RACECAR



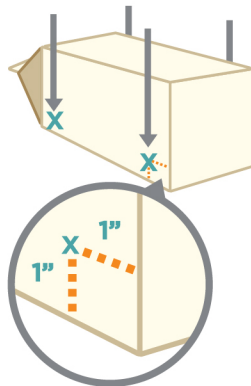
Turn your empty milk and juice cartons into lean, green, speed machines for you and your friends to race! This craft is a fun way to upcycle and get all the “juice” out of your packaging choice.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

- ☐ Half-gallon milk or juice carton
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Pen or permanent marker
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Strong glue or a glue gun
- ☐ Two axes**
- ☐ Four wheels**
- ☐ Decorations from around your house or the craft store (and/or) acrylic paint, brush, and smock

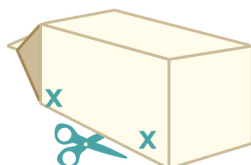
STEP 1

Place your empty carton in front of you on its back, as shown in the illustration. On the left side of the carton measure 1” up and 1” back from the carton’s bottom and mark your measurement with a pen or permanent marker. Do this measuring out from all four corners of the carton that are touching the floor, as shown in the illustration. The measurements on the left-hand side of your carton should line up with the ones on the right-hand side.



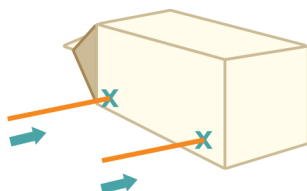
STEP 2

With the scissors, punch 4 holes in the carton using the 4 marks you just created as guidelines. Create holes that are just large enough to poke your axes through, no larger.



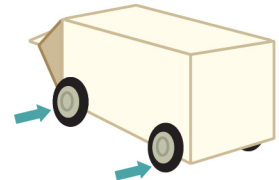
STEP 3

Place an axle through each set of holes. Position one axle in the front of the carton and one axle in the rear, as shown in the illustration.



STEP 4

Use the strong glue or glue gun to attach your wheels to the endpoints of the axes. There should be 2 wheels on each side of the carton – 4 wheels total.



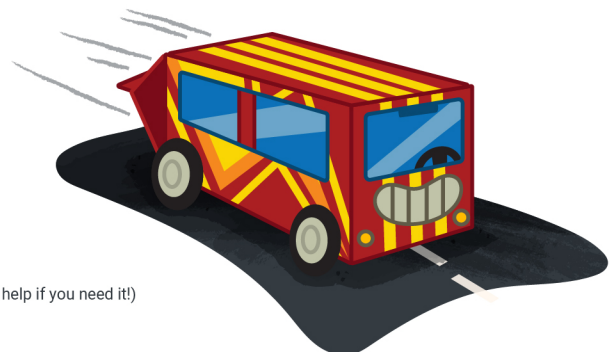
STEP 5

Decorate your racecar! If you need help getting started - try using one or more of these ideas:

- Colored paper cut or torn into fun shapes
- Cloth and colorful fabric scraps
- Stickers
- Glitter, beads, or gems

**BONUS POINTS:

We recommend straws or skewers for the axes (suggested length: 4–6 inches long). Buttons, carton caps or thick cardboard can be used for the wheels. However, this is a chance to get funky. See what you can find around the house and be creative!



(Be sure to ask a parent or teacher for help if you need it!)

