



**Reverse
Garbage**
queensland co-op ltd



Mail Order Catalogue

Environmentally responsible
alternatives to mainstream art, craft,
STEM and educational supplies.

2020

Welcome to RG&Q Mail Order!

Reverse Garbage Queensland supplies interesting, inexpensive and environmentally responsible alternatives to mainstream art, craft, STEM and educational supplies.

Our warehouse is brimming with an array of clean salvaged materials including timber, textiles, foam, fabrics, metal, plastics, rope, paper, card and more!

If you are not local, short on time or simply want a curated selection of materials, we can ship directly to you. We also offer in-store pickup of all our boxes.

We offer material boxes, themed boxes and customised boxes. Orders are normally delivered within 2 weeks, but we do keep a small range of boxes for Immediate dispatch.

Price (pick-up)	Box	No. people (approx)
\$16	Mini	5
\$85	Small	20
\$125	Large	35
\$355	Maxi	100

Postage (via Courier or Australia Post) starts at \$4.95. Large box postage is \$10.50 within Brisbane and \$29.95 for regional centres. Order on-line or contact us for a firm price.

We accept purchase orders and offer invoicing with 21 day payment terms for schools and businesses. Otherwise payment by direct debit or by credit card over the phone must be completed before dispatch.

Check out our Educational Guidelines document to see where our boxes contribute to the State and Federal Curriculum.

For questions, enquiries or photos and ideas of what you can make with our boxes, contact our Mail Order Coordinator



Photo courtesy of Petit Early Learning Journey - Caloundra (2019)

Frequently Asked Questions

What age groups are your boxes most suitable for?

We understand that skill level is most commonly determined by age and have supplied a suggested age bracket to boxes that require particular skill levels to achieve most tasks independently. When packing orders we can adjust boxes to suit different ages.

Can I choose what items go into my box?

We do mail packages for those who would like a particular item but cannot get to our warehouse. These items are priced according to the volume required (plus shipping and handling). Offcuts of leather, sheepskin, tiles and false teeth are popular items we send by mail. Please contact us to check for availability and pricing.

Can I choose what colours or shapes go in my box?

We are more than happy to customise a box to suit your requirements. Just let us know your plan for using the materials (e.g. making birds with our Creatures from Fact or Fiction) and we can do a customised version of any of our boxes.

Will I get the same materials every time I order?

No, as the available materials at Reverse Garbage Queensland are constantly changing. We always have similar materials in stock and can substitute where needed for all of our themed and activity boxes.

If you want to make sure we include a material you have had before, please let us know.

Can I pick up my order from the RGQ warehouse?

Yes. We can have your order here at the store for pickup Monday through Saturday 9am-5pm.

Will I get materials I don't want?

All of our boxes are packed full and we make special effort to ensure the selection of materials you receive remains good value. We price most of our materials by weight as they are commonly offcuts of different shapes, sizes and lengths. If you don't want a certain material please let us know.

** Due to feedback on the volume of materials we have reduced the size of our Marvellous Masks & Junk Jewellery boxes to focus on including a better selection of higher-value small items.*



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Material Boxes

Material boxes provide a substantial quantity of 'like' type materials. They allow budding creatives to get in deep and explore the characteristics and uses of the chosen material. Or allow for some engineering and science exploration as you test and probe the properties of a given material group. Our material boxes are suitable for all ages.

Rubber and Foam

Rubber and foam is difficult and expensive to recycle, making it perfect for reusing. Boxes include holey foam, upholstery and pool noodle foam, rubber dots or varying sizes, sticky rubber and foam sheets and much more.

Cut colourful foam with scissors and join with glue or with basic stitching. Hole punch rubber to string together or hang. Make custom reusable stamps and prints.



Paper and Card

Paper strips, cardboard bundles and card circles in a range of colours and sizes are included in this box. Scrapbook paper, coloured paper, paper rolls and wallpaper are also included.

Cut, rip and paste for collage, fold and score for origami, hole punch and thread with string for mobiles and wall hangings.



Fabric and Textiles

Lycra, leather, flags, banners, calico, silky hair and fishing net are all some of the materials selected from ranging from small samples to large pieces

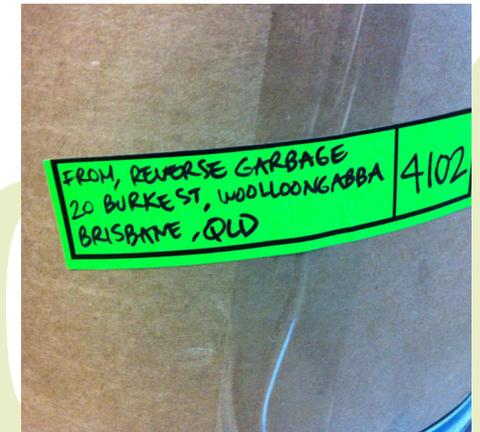
Sort based on colour or texture or use simple stitching for sustainable embroidery. Cut, tie and weave to make wall hangings; add textures to collages or make soft sculptures.



Mystery Box

Life is like a Mystery Box: you never know what you're gonna get! This box consists of mixed materials gathered from around the store. Trust us!

We pack it full of materials, both weird and wonderful, that will inspire many creative ideas and keep you guessing all the way to the bottom of the box!



Material Boxes

We can combine the natural and manufactured boxes to allow students to compare and contrast similar natural and manufactured materials.

Natural Materials

We include materials in their raw state as well as materials and objects that have been processed to increase their usefulness. Cork, rubber, latex, feathers, raffia, marble and linseed tiles are all selected for this box.

“Natural” towers, creatures, flags and more can be created using this box.



Timber and Fibres

Examine and identify hard and soft timbers and how best to use them.

Use as is, or paint and colour, to make your own building blocks to stack, topple and arrange. Apply some basic woodworking skills by drilling, glueing, sawing and sanding. The other fibre based materials are perfect for weaving, painting or collage.



Manufactured Materials

Explore a wide selection all things synthetic: from rigid and soft plastics, to vinyl, synthetic fabrics and types of foams. Highly processed, these unused, discarded by-products give us a great indication of what sort of materials are being manufactured.

Sculptures, houses, wearable art are all ways to use this material.



“A great place to go for random craft supplies or unexpected little nicknacks. They have all sorts of textiles and tiles and foam balls and scraps of cardboard etc...”

Anthony Carrick
Google Reviewer

Activity Boxes

Activity boxes provide materials and instructions to complete an activity. Small boxes provide for approx. 20 participants, large approx. 35 and maxi for approx. 100 participants to create individual or group masterpieces. Information covering creative re-use, environmental information, and activity instructions with examples are included in each box.



Please Note: *Our materials will not include print mediums, glue or instruments/equipment required for sewing/weaving/cutting.*

Print and Collage

Colour, shape, pattern and texture can be explored while making stamps and collages at the 2D and 3D level. Fabric, foam, rubber, paper and card in a array of colours and shapes form the basis of this box.

*Please note, printing medium (paint/ink) not included in this box.



Loose Parts

Materials that encourage exploration and problem solving are curated including cardboard tubes, test tubes, wooden blocks, tiles, rubber shapes, rope, fabric pieces, bolts and foam.

Science stations, games, sensory walls and construction corners are all options for this box.



Moving Parts & Buildings

Build gravity defying structures to test height and weight limits of the materials. We'll provide you with ideal materials for construction, creating pulley systems and basic rotors; such as cardboard, acrylic sheets, reels, timber scraps, elastic and rubber. Experiment with different materials to find out what makes a solid foundation or follow the examples on the instruction sheet to make moving components.



Construct a Bag

Challenge students to design and make a bag prototype from the materials provided. Explore our perforated rectangles, fabric samples, boxes, wire, plastic and string. Students can design their own bag from set criteria or free artistic range. Students can create fully functional prototypes using knotting, tying, weaving, stapling or hand sewing techniques.



Activity Boxes

To allow us to include a bigger range of smaller high-value materials, our Junk Jewellery and Marvellous Masks boxes are packed into a smaller box while catering for the same number of participants.

Please Note: *our materials will not include jump-rings, ear hooks, brooch fittings, clasps or glue.*

Weaving (Junior)

Fabrics, foam, plastics, paper and card are included to create woven pieces of art. Weaving is a great joining method that uses fine motor skills and helps develop focus and attention.

Weave using a selection of our perforated materials (with large holes and thick pieces of fabric perfect for new weavers), weave placemats with card and plastic strips or create your own loom using our thick card and wool.



Weaving (Senior)

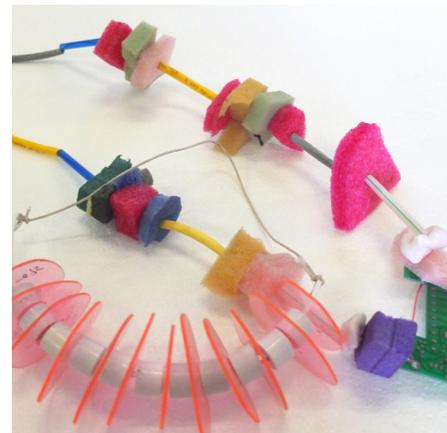
This box provides a range or traditional (wool, fabric strips and string) weaving materials as well as non-traditional materials (computer cords, fishing net and soft plastic offcuts). This encourages participants to explore textile properties and design features to create belts, baskets and mats.



Salvaged Jewellery 1

Junior

Beads, bead alternatives, ribbon, leather and plastic samples plus headbands, cardboard cylinders and stickers form the basis for bracelets, necklaces, badges and keychains. Create gifts or items for pretend play while practising fine motor skill such as threading, tying and hole punching.



Salvaged Jewellery 2

Senior

Wire, lace, hard and soft plastics, card, architectural samples and electrical components are provided in the box. From futuristic headpieces to steampunk necklaces or recreations of tribal adornments your imagination is the limit with this box.



Activity Boxes

Sound Waves...

... and Musical Magic

Metals, wood, plastic, elastic, leather, rubber and stone are included in the box to encourage participants to explore ways to produce sounds, rhythm patterns and pitch.

By manipulating the materials participants can make and personalise drums, triangles, string and wind instruments.



Properties of Materials

Wind Chimes

Designed to encourage participants to explore the properties of materials and how they can be manipulated, this box provides a range of materials to create a wind chime or mobile. We include materials that make noise, are weather and water resistant as well as some small contrasting texture and colour



items, string, wire and bases (plates, coat hangers, cups or plastic strips) for the wind chimes.

“A prop makers’ Paradise and trash to treasure trove reversing the waste flow back into useful items. wonderful staff, brilliant prices and excellent clean salvage.”

Adam Milton, Facebook Reviewer

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Themed Boxes

Themed boxes provide materials and instructions to complete an activity. Information sheets included in the box cover creative re-use, environmental information, and instructions outlining how to complete the box's activity with the materials provided.

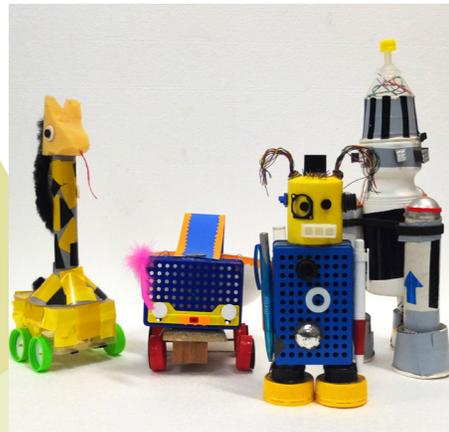
Upcycled Accessories

Design your own range of ethical fashion pieces by sewing, weaving and assembling with salvaged fabric, textiles and more! Combine fashionista flair with some backyard styling to create costumes for superheroes or dramatic and pretend play! Or replicate headwear or belts from an historical era.



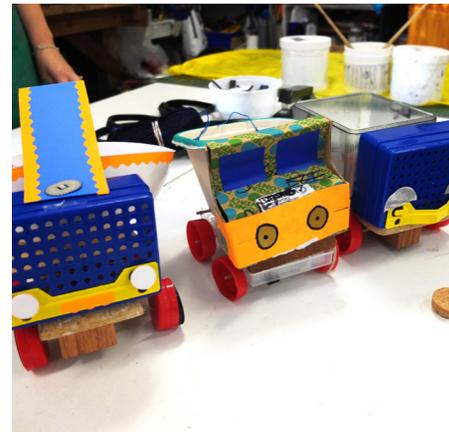
Robots & Space Explorers

Make robots and spaceships using cups, tubes, boxes, foam, stickers, electrical components and other discards. Create control panels, buttons, dials and wires. Explore the future of space travel by building space ships, launch pads and space stations. You might even see some UFOs!



Toys on the Move

Design and create vehicles with moving wheels, wings or futuristic propulsion systems. Challenge students to design the fastest or strongest vehicle. Or maybe you can make a garbage or recycling truck!



Treasure & Tool Boxes

Starting with boxes destined for landfill we provide a range of materials for decoration, creating dividers, hinges and handles. Perfect for creating illustrated plans and design schematics that then allow the participants to create their unique 3D model.



Themed Boxes

Themed Boxes are great for adding a hands-on aspect to curriculum learning, project based learning, workshops, birthday parties or craft sessions.

Creatures from Fact or Fiction

Design and create your favourite animal or make an imaginary beast from myth or fable! Explore the anatomy of insects while making models or create a 3D model of an illustration in a book.

This box contains, leather, fur, plastic, paper and fabric samples in a variety of colours and textures. Foam, containers, card and plastic to use as the skeleton for your creature as well as wire, string, stickers and sticky backed

materials to help join the pieces together. If you would like the box customised for colours or a particular type of creature (furry marsupials or sea creatures for example, please let us know).

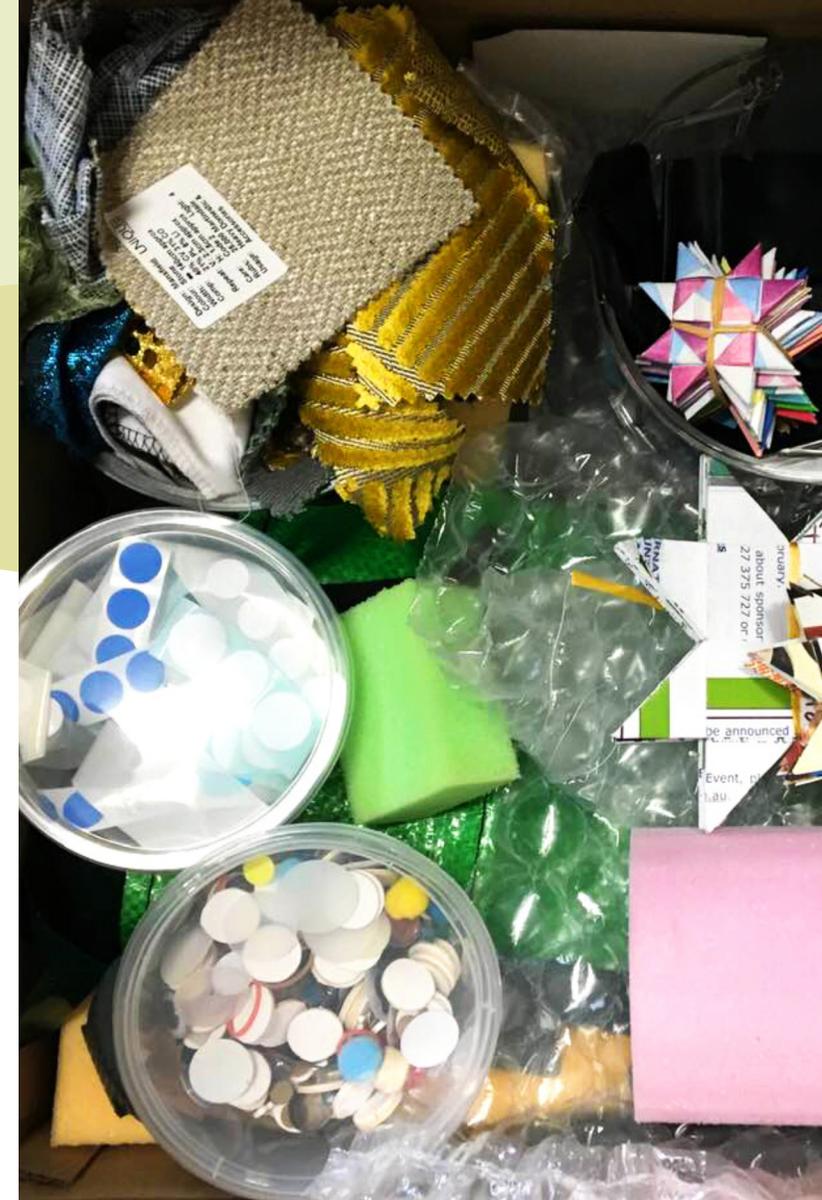


Photo of a customised small box order for a Turtle theme (2019)

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