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Think before you throw it away.
If the paper could talk, what would it say?
“Turn me over. Don’t throw me away!”
If the orange peel could talk, what would it say?
"I can be compost. Don’t throw me away!"
If the shirt could talk, what would it say?
“Pass me on.
Don’t throw me away!”
If the milk bottle could talk, what would it say?
“Use me for play.
Don’t throw me away!”
If the juice box could talk, what would it say?
“Use me for art. Don’t throw me away!”

Think before you throw it away. Could it be used another way?
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