Who likes to listen to music? A lot of people nowadays, whether it’s in class, while at work, or if you’re on the go. So what’s one of the most troublesome things that can occur when you go to take out your mp3 player? You go to plug in your headphones only to find that they aren’t working. Now they’re all tangled up, and possibly broken due to the fact that they were all jumbled in your pocket. The reason for this is simple, the wires connecting the audio jack to the headphones are very weak, and when bent or pulled to much, they snap like nothing, but there is a solution! All you need is a way to carry your headphones so they don’t get tangled or broken.

The Problem:

The most efficient way to stop ear buds from breaking is to make sure there is no way for the cord to get tangled, and make sure there is no added stress on the end points where the wires are more prone to breaking. The design for this project stops any wires from tangling and, because of the special spacing for ear buds, reduces the stress put on the small wires that are connected to the ear pieces. To tie it all off, there is a slot to secure the audio plug on the other end of the cable to ensure it doesn’t slip out of place, and further reduce stress on the other end as well.

Proposal: Ear Bud Folder

Upcycling - Repackaged Boxed Water

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Development for this project is seemingly simple. If you figure a good deal of people who are aware of what they are putting into their bodies are also somewhat aware of what is going into their environment, then they are also aware that the two are, to an extent, connected. Take the percentage of people, who are now environmentally aware, and target something a great deal of people in general all have in common. For this project, the connection is music, and tools needed to listen to music. The product is simple, easy to understand, and useful. It isn’t cumbersome, or a burden, and as simple as it is, it will leave who ever uses it feeling good, and environmentally conscious once they have finished using it. Instead of needing to go out and buy a new pair of plastic headphones, wasting money, time, and resources, they are saving money, time, and their environment, by using the simple method of protection for their earbuds.

The best part is, they really don’t have to do anything. By drinking BOXED WATER™ they are already helping the environment, and choosing a healthy alternative to drinks like soda or sugar filled energy drinks, and by using the cut out template they are also helping their environment, and their wallets.
Pretty much everyone knows what it means to recycle, but not many know what it means to upcycle. Recycling has turned into one of those acts that, in reality, is just another chore, its putting the right garbage, into the right can, so it can go to the right dump, and then it can be recycled. It’s something more and more people, are doing less and less.

With upcycling, such as with this project, you are presented with a chance to re use, or self recycle as soon as you finish with the product you had previously purchased. It’s quick and easy, and serves to benefit the person at hand more then if they were to just throw away their garbage like normal.

Another pro to upcycling is, not only does it have positive effects on the environment, and your daily activities just as recycling does, but it also effects you directly and on the spot, no sooner do you finish your wa-ter, when you are presented with a case for your head phones.
This product took a used spray paint can and a broken lamp and combined the two to make an exceptionally interesting, and one of a kind spot light / desk light. It inspired me because it just goes to show that junk, whether it be broken junk, or junk that would have no other purpose in life, whatever, can still be reused and remade, to be useful. This inspired me to make something to stop things from becoming junk, hence broken ear bud head phones.

Spray lamp:

Wine Bottle Lights

These lights are hand crafted, cut up, and then re sectioned into new pieces and fitted with frosted fluorescent environmentally safe bulbs (they use less power). These really aren’t related to my project but I did skim over them while searching for other upcycled products and they caught my eye as not only an upcycled product, but also as a piece of art, and as art, I have to say not only does it show nice craft, but it shows resourcefulness in using and finding materials.
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Instructions:

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Diagrams:
This page is primarily to show the project in use, after the fact. It can be built, it can be used as intended, and it accomplishes its job. It just goes to show that even the most simple of ideas can truly make a difference, and if you are willing to think about it for a little while, not only can you help the world around you and the people in it, but you can help yourself as well. It's a win win situation, and all it takes are a few minutes, and the willingness to make everything last just a little bit longer.