



# BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

## FUN AT HOME

### PIGS: THE ULTIMATE RECYCLERS

When we think about the word recycle we often think about the cans and cardboard we set out for pick-up but not about our food waste. Most people compost food waste to keep it out of landfills but what if there was another option?

Studies have shown the pork industry would greatly benefit from our food waste. Pigs raised for pork today are eating mostly corn and soy bean meal but food waste has been proven to contain more energy and nutrients! The pig recycling revolution is coming and it's going to help us reduce our carbon footprints greatly!

How does it work? We feed pigs 'waste' food from grocery stores, dining halls, and transfer stations and they convert it into body mass and usable manure. The pigs can be eaten and we know that they ate a more natural diet than corn and soybeans.



Pigs recycling food waste.



Quill Pig Farm in Plainfield, VT

# CRAFT: TOILET PAPER ROLL PIG

## MAKE A CUTE LITTLE PIG FROM THINGS AROUND THE HOUSE!

### Materials:

- 2" piece of toilet paper tube
- Light and dark pink paint
- Pink button
- 3 pink pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black marker
- Paint brush

### Steps:

1. Paint the tube inside and out with light pink paint and let dry.
2. Glue on a pink button for the nose.
3. Cut 4 2" pieces of pipe cleaner and coil them around the paint brush handle, these are the legs.
4. Cut 1 1.5" piece of pipe cleaner and coil it around the paint brush handle, this is the tail.
5. Cut 2 1.5" pieces of pipe cleaner and fold them into thirds. Fold one side over the top of each side of the tube, these are the ears.
6. Glue on the legs, ears, and poke the tail through the back of the tube.
7. Using the dark pink paint add rosy cheeks to the pigs face and using the marker add eyes and eyebrows.

