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Do your part for the environment. Start with
just one thing.

**Recycle your rechargeable
batteries and cell phones.**

People always ask me what they should do to help the planet and I say start with Just One Thing. I am a proud supporter of the **Call2Recycle™** rechargeable battery recycling campaign. Join me in recycling your old rechargeable batteries and cell phones in one of 40,000 drop-off locations in stores like Target, Lowes, The Home Depot, RadioShack and Best Buy. It's easy and it helps the planet. Find out more at call2recycle.org.

(See next page for easy-to-follow instructions for this project)

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A Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation program



Look for the rechargeable batteries in your household:

- Cordless power tools
- Cellular and cordless phones
- Laptop computers
- Digital cameras
- Camcorders
- Remote control toys

Recycle at one of these national retailers:



One good thing leads to another.

Have some fun with recycling and turn an old plate into your own personalized wall art.

PROJECT: REGLAZED SILHOUETTE PLATES

Materials

Thrift shop or unwanted ceramic plates

8 1/2-by-11 inch inkjet sticker project paper

Scissors

Foam brushes

Rubbing alcohol

Porcelain paint

This project is an excellent example of resourcefulness: turning something ordinary into a thing of beauty.

A visit to any Goodwill store will lead you to a treasure trove of plates in unusual patterns, available for pennies. Also, your own home may have stacks of unwanted ceramic tableware full of outdated floral and kitschy patterns—perhaps passed down from another generation—that clash with today's simpler, cleaner table settings.

Like a chipped piece of furniture in need of a good coat of paint, consider reglazing these plates into gorgeous new pieces.

Print an image off the computer of a silhouette you find pleasing on sticker project paper; choose a shape that is easily identifiable. I chose this simple image of a cow and enlarged it to fit the size of the plate.

With a pair of scissors, cut out the image, peel off the protective backing, and adhere it to the center of the plate. With a foam brush, clean the exposed surface with rubbing alcohol. Once dry, brush a coat of porcelain paint on the plate. You may need several coats of paint, depending how dark you want the glaze to be. Allow to dry overnight.

Peel off the image from the plate and place it in the oven. Heat it to 350 degrees and bake the plate for 25 minutes. Turn off the oven and allow the plate to cool completely inside the oven. Your handmade plates are hand-washable only.

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