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World Without Waste

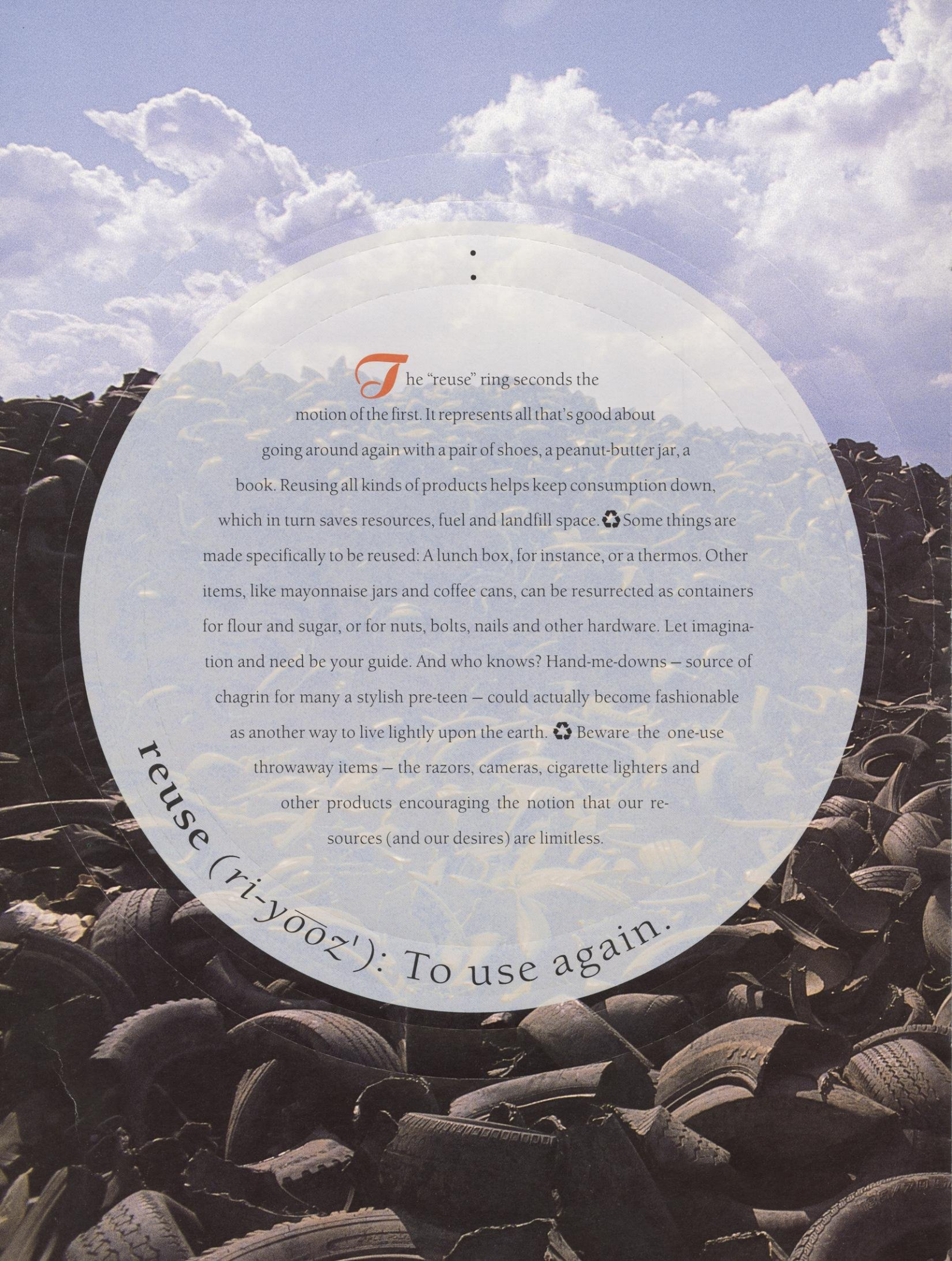
reduce (ri-dōōs'): : To lessen in amount, extent or degree.

The "reduce" ring encompasses all the other elements of the mobile, because consuming less is the best way to conserve the planet's resources and prevent pollution and waste. Use less fossil fuel and more body fuel — walk to work if you can, or use a bike for errands. Examine the current necessities of your life: Are lawn herbicides critical to your well-being, or can you learn to live with a few dandelions? Can you survive without overpackaged convenience meals? ♻️ If you need prompting, just remember that the things you consider absolute rights — such as clean water, clean air and a steady food supply — are unimaginable luxuries for many people in the world.

As the earth revolves and evolves, so do you. Change moves you in ways you'd never expect — think, for instance, about how you handle waste today, compared with 10, 20 or 30 years ago. You save cardboard, cans and plastic and glass bottles for recycling; you compost leaves and grass clippings; you even collect auto engine oil for reprocessing and take the bus to work three days a week. Who would have deemed any of that necessary in 1962?

What happened? You evolved. You learned a little about what's good for your world. You decided to do what you can to help, because what's good for the planet is good for you.

So go ahead — put the world on a string and take it for a spin. Assemble the mobile (the instructions are on the back of this special section) and hang it in a prominent place. Let it be a reminder that you're going along for the ride.



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The “reuse” ring seconds the motion of the first. It represents all that’s good about going around again with a pair of shoes, a peanut-butter jar, a book. Reusing all kinds of products helps keep consumption down, which in turn saves resources, fuel and landfill space. ♻️ Some things are made specifically to be reused: A lunch box, for instance, or a thermos. Other items, like mayonnaise jars and coffee cans, can be resurrected as containers for flour and sugar, or for nuts, bolts, nails and other hardware. Let imagination and need be your guide. And who knows? Hand-me-downs — source of chagrin for many a stylish pre-teen — could actually become fashionable as another way to live lightly upon the earth. ♻️ Beware the one-use throwaway items — the razors, cameras, cigarette lighters and other products encouraging the notion that our resources (and our desires) are limitless.

reuse (ri-yōōz’): To use again.

recycle (rē-sī'kəl):

The “recycling” ring is closest to the earth, because it’s probably the waste reduction method with which you’re most familiar.

♻ Most Wisconsin communities and businesses have recycling programs. Milk jugs, newspapers, glass jars, aluminum cans, cardboard, tires – the products too valuable to lose to a landfill are being collected across the state to become “raw” materials for manufacturing. With recycling, landfills don’t fill up as fast

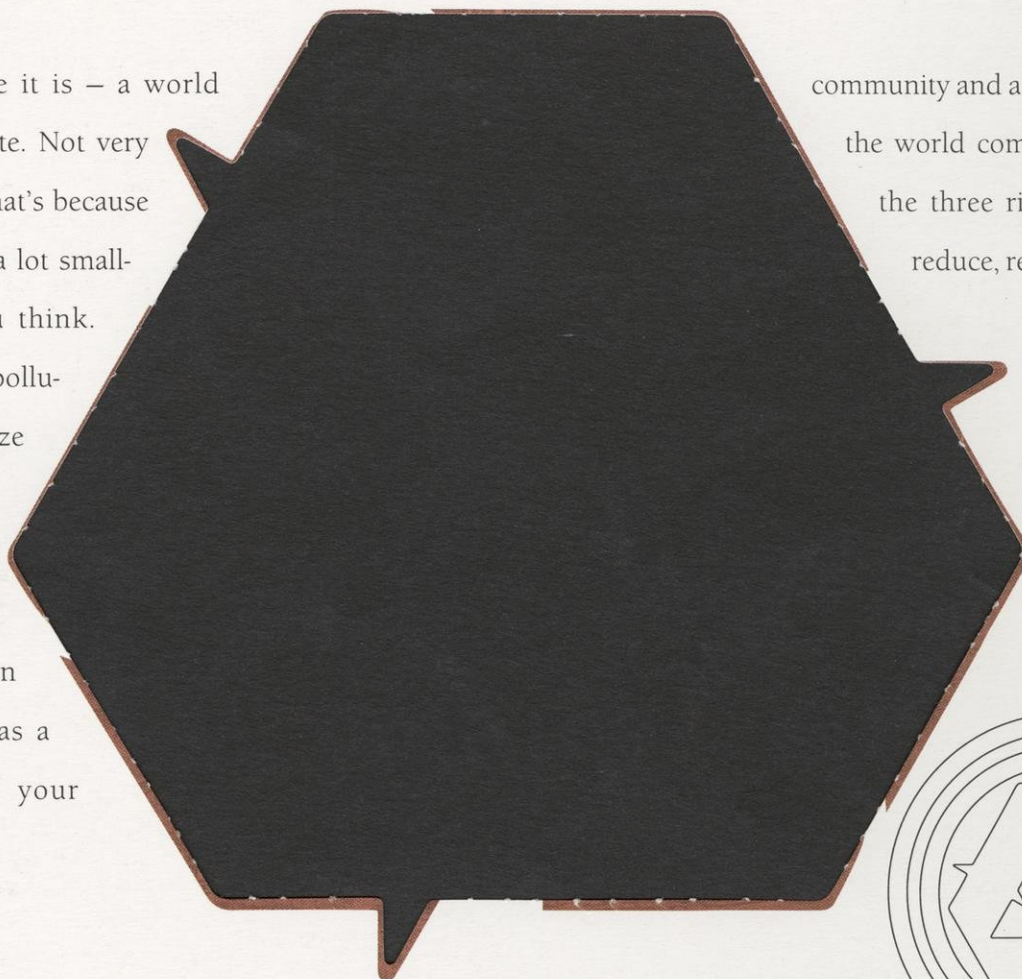
and communities save on tipping fees (fees charged to dump waste in landfills). Recycling spurs new markets as new businesses create new products from recyclables. ♻ The very best example of recycling comes from nature. A few damp layers of grass clippings and leaves, a few handfuls of soil, some time – and what once was yard waste becomes compost, an excellent soil conditioner.

To extract useful materials
from waste.

A world without waste

Here it is — a world without waste. Not very big, is it? That's because the world's a lot smaller than you think. Waste and pollution recognize no national borders, no continental divides. As an individual, as a member of your

community and as a member of the world community, keep the three rings in mind: reduce, reuse, recycle.



How to assemble the mobile

You will need a needle and about 24 inches of heavy thread, such as carpet or coat thread.

1. Remove the four pieces of the mobile — the reduce ring, the reuse ring, the recycle ring, and the earth — by pressing along the perforated edges of each shape.

2. Use the needle to poke small holes through the two black dots at the top of each ring, and through the single black dot on the earth. Lay the pieces flat, with the earth in the center, surrounded by the recycle ring, the reuse ring and the reduce ring.

3. Thread the needle with a 24-inch length of thread. Make a knot at the long end. Push the needle through the hole in the earth, and pull the thread all the way through until you reach the knot.

4. From the underside, push the needle through the lower hole on the recycle ring and pull the thread through, leaving about an inch of thread between the earth and the ring. Push the needle

though the top hole of the recycling ring.

5. Weave the thread through the rings as indicated by the drawing.

6. Hang and enjoy!

Assembly tips: You may need to adjust the rings by sliding them up or down on the thread so they will hang properly. If the holes are too big, the rings will slip down; a dab of white glue or rubber cement where the thread meets the paper should hold the rings in place.

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