



Jack - Upcycling bottle tops into jewellery and guitar picks

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Jack's words and opinions.

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to do an interesting project that I haven't done before and not many other people have done either. I've watched a bunch of Youtube videos on how to melt and work with HDPE, and I ended up making a ton of blanks and pendants. I collected a bunch of bottle caps and milk bottles then melted them in my Mum's toastie press. Once the plastic is of the consistency of half-chewed chewing gum, I twist it and repeat the process a few times. I've made it into pendants for necklaces and guitar picks. My mum didn't mind me using the toastie press because I promised her I'd give her some pendants.

What will you do next?

I will continue and might start an online shop, but I'm not sure yet.

Your advice to other students?

Patience and practice is very necessary as it takes a while to make, and wear gloves otherwise you will burn your hands.

What did you enjoy most?

Learning how to use a new material and do things with it.