## Homemakers: 'Recycle' Discards By Making Christmas Toys

RALEIGH -- Start a recycling 'center of your own by making those household castoffs into Christmas toys for the youngsters.

Recycling is a good project for an older

brother or sister whose skill at making things has developed faster than his or her bank roll has, says Mrs. Faye Haywood, extension family life specialist, North Carolina State University.

The older child can make a toy for his younger brother or sister easier than he can buy one. And he'll have more fun doing it.

Start by saving cans-fat ones, skinny ones, tall

ones and short ones. File off any sharp edges on the inside and outside, and clean off all the labels and glue holding them on. Then the fun part starts. Let the children cover the cans with

colorful stick-on paper or give each can a different colored coat of metal sticking paint. Keep the colors bright and gay and be sure the paint is lead-free. A young child will

have fun stacking the cans one on top of the other to make a tall tower. Or perhaps he'll fit one in-side the other to make a tall tower.

Or one may become the silo on a make-



believe farm a mixing bowl for a makebelieve cake. These are the kinds of toys that can help stir a child's

Give the older children an idea or two on what they can turn out from scrap. Then turn them loose. They'll probably think of a hundred and one other items they can make -and have fun doing it.

Don't look down your nose at their final creation, Mrs. Haywood says. The creator has been expressing his own initiative and resourcefulness. And certainly this is one thing to

younger children in your family can gain from this recycling venture. So encourage your children to stretch their gift dollars by making toys from household castoffs.



In Germany, fir trees were once believed to be able to cure gout.



