Bathtub Boats
Upcycled Crafts for Kids (and their grown-ups)

Coffee Shop Sailboat!
GATHER

One to-go cold beverage lid, a paper straw and a coffee cup sleeve. Tape, scissors, toothpicks and a small binder clip.

We used black and silver permanent markers to decorate our sail, but paint, stickers and/or crayons work, too!
Cut the paper straw in half. One half will be used for a tiller and rudder, the other half can be composted.

Cut a very large triangle out of the coffee cup sleeve, this will be your sail.
Our local coffee shop offers contact-less pick-up if you pre-order online. This is amazing, but means our sleeve came with lots of writing on it!

To cover the writing, we "painted" the entire sail black with permanent marker. You can decorate your sail in whatever way brings you joy, just make sure you paint the smooth side of the sleeve!
Tape the toothpicks to the ridged side of the sleeve/sail to form an upper boom, a lower boom, and a mast. Make sure to leave the pokey end of the toothpick at the bottom of the mast.

Lay the lid upside down. We used a sharpie as a wedge to hold our lid in place.

Poke the mast through the lid to attach your sail. Our lid already had a tiny vent hole that worked perfectly!

Clip the binder clip to one end of the straw, and then slide the other end of the straw through the hole on the lid to form a tiller and rudder.

Optional: Add a captain!
Launch your sailboat wherever you find water! Use #bathtubboats on social media to show us your creation!

Pro tip: If your sailboat keeps capsizing on one side, try leaning your captain away from your sail (as pictured) to balance the weight aboard your vessel! Real small boat sailors also use their bodies to balance their boats.