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*re\_purposed no. 1*  
18 x 24 inches  
Acrylic on canvas

Marine debris, a type of ocean pollution, is an ever-growing global issue and single-use materials are a large contributor. A common misconception is that individual actions taken to decrease ocean pollution are not enough to make an impact. However, no action is insignificant; a collection of efforts can prevent a substantial amount of trash from entering the ocean.

Much like the collaborative efforts needed to reduce marine debris, this piece was made by a variety of people attending the Saturday Corvallis Farmers' Market. Visitors were asked to paint the canvas with disposable, single-use plastics to display the repurposing aspect of the six R's (Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle) for a project within the "Communicating Ocean Sciences to Informal Audiences" course at Oregon State University. So what's the solution to ocean pollution? It starts with *you*.

