

## GO GREEN IN THE GARDEN!

Put your plastic bottles to good use and recycle them into decorations for the garden!

Use a refillable bottle and fill it up with tap water so you don't have to buy bottled water. This can help the environment, take a look at these facts!

Plastic bottles are one of the most common items found in rivers



An estimated 15 million bottles are littered, landfilled or destroyed every day



A third of all plastic litter found in the sea is made up of plastic bottles



## SELF-WATERING POT

Try these easy self-watering planters! Watch a seed grow and blossom without forgetting to water it!

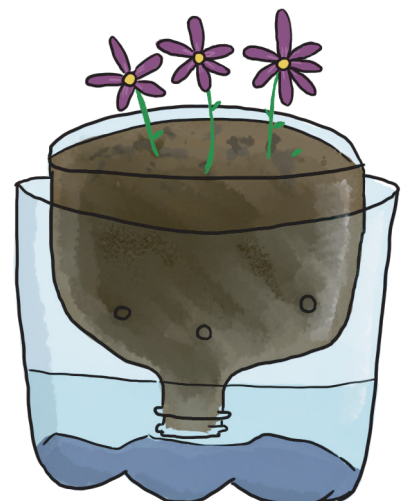
### What you'll need:

- Compost
- Scissors
- A plastic bottle
- Seeds to plant
- Paper towel

You'll need an adult to help with this activity

### What to do:

1. Cut a bottle in half with a sharp knife (*keep the bottom half for later!*)
2. Poke 4 holes in the top of the bottle.
3. Put a circle of paper towel in the bottom of the bottle and fill it with water.
4. Place the top of the bottle upside down into the bottom with the water.
5. Now add some compost and seeds of your choice and place somewhere warm and light for the seeds to grow!



# PLASTIC BOTTLE HANGING BASKET

*Plastic bottles can become beautiful hanging baskets by following these simple steps. A great, low maintenance way to brighten up the garden!*

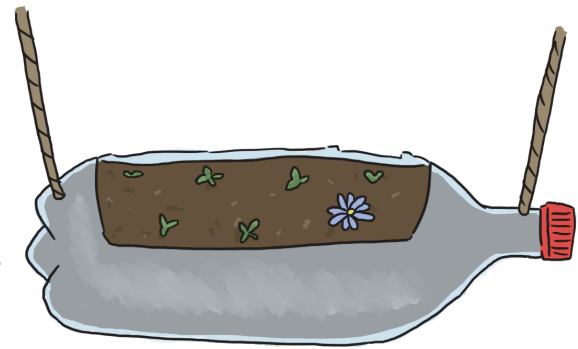
## What you'll need:

You'll need an adult to help with this activity

- Compost
- Scissors
- A plastic bottle
- Seeds to plant
- String

## What to do:

1. Cut a long slit along the bottle.
2. Continue to cut out a rectangle from the bottle
3. Poke a hole at either end of the bottle for the string to be threaded through.
4. Thread the string through the holes and tie a knot on each side.
5. Fill your bottle with compost and add some seeds. Water it and hang out in the sunshine!



# TERRARIUMS

*See your plants from root to tip by making a terrarium! They can be placed inside or outdoors as a decorative feature.*

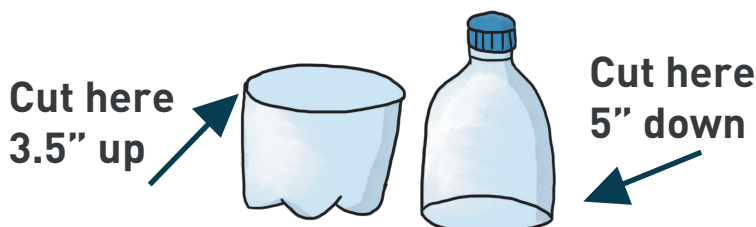
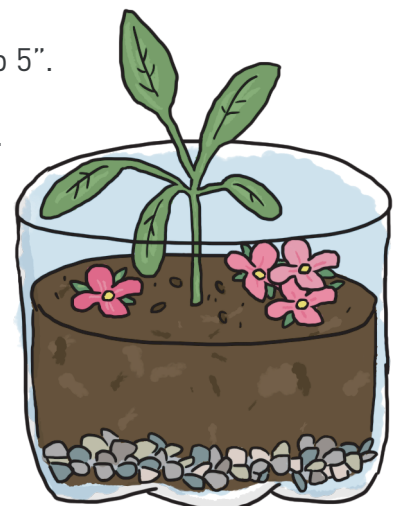
## What you'll need:

You'll need an adult to help with this activity

- Compost
- Scissors
- A plastic bottle
- Small terrarium plants
- Pebbles

## What to do:

1. Cut out the middle part of a bottle so the bottom measures 3.5" and the top 5".
2. Start lining the bottom, first with pebbles, then with charcoal and compost.
3. Plant 2-3 plants in the compost. Try and use plants with a good root! Decorate the bottle if you want and place it either inside or outside.



# PLASTIC FLOWER PETALS

Don't worry if you don't have seeds or plants to use, you can make your own flowers out of plastic bottles too!

You'll need an adult to help with this activity

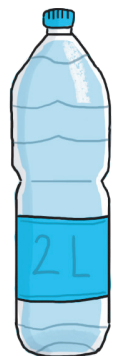


## What you'll need:

- Scissors
- A plastic bottle
- Dry marker
- Paints and brushes

## What to do:

1. Carefully cut off the top and bottom of the plastic bottle to make two flowers.
2. Cut the edges of the bottle pieces so they look scalloped like a flower petal.
3. Use a dry marker to draw a pattern on the bottle before making any final cuts.
4. Bend the petals to open up the flower.
5. Paint the two flowers and caps. *(You could use a bit of plasticine or blue tac to stick the top of the bottle in to make it easier to paint.)*
6. Once dry your flowers are ready to display in your garden!



# WATCH THEM GROW!

Seeing a plant grow from a seed is amazing!

Keep a check on your seeds or plants in their new plastic bottle home and note down how they are doing:

HEIGHT:

DATE:

WRITE A DESCRIPTION:

DRAW A PICTURE:

HEIGHT:

DATE:

WRITE A DESCRIPTION:

DRAW A PICTURE:

HEIGHT:

DATE:

WRITE A DESCRIPTION:

DRAW A PICTURE:

