

# Make your own mini water butt



## Rain water is fantastic for watering plants

Whenever there's plenty of rain, you can collect and store it in a container called a 'water butt'. Then in drier times, when there's not much rain, you can then use the water you've saved to water your plants and garden. Cleaning water to make it good enough to drink uses a lot of energy, so by using rainwater instead of tap water, it means that we're helping to save energy and look after our environment.

## How to make your mini water butt (follow the steps below):

### You will need:

- A large milk bottle (6 pints ideally) and its lid
- Strong garden twine or cable ties
- Outdoor paint
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Decorations and glue (if you want to decorate your water butt)

### What to do:

1. Clean and dry the milk bottle and remove the label.
2. Carefully cut the base from the bottle (close to the bottom). You may need adult help to do this.
3. Add your special touch by decorating the bottle to suit the garden area it is going to be placed in. It could be pretty colours or it could involve water saving messages. (remember your bottle will be fixed with the lid pointing downwards!)
4. Once dry, use the twine or cable ties to attach it to something in your garden like a fence.



When it rains, your mini water butt will collect the water and you can unscrew the lid to release it into a watering can when you need to use it.