

BOTTLE PLANTER

Use an old plastic bottle to make a planter, it's a great way to grow plants and reduce the amount of plastic going to waste. You will need an adult to help when making this.

What you will need:

- Plastic bottle
- Scissors
- Wool or another thick absorbent string
- Drill - for adult use only!
- Soil
- Plant seeds
- Water

Instructions:

1. Get an old plastic bottle and remove the label.
2. Cut the bottle around 12cm from the bottom of the bottle so you now have two separate parts *(Adult supervision needed)*.
3. Using a drill, carefully put a small hole in the cap. It needs to be big enough to fit the wool through it *please DO NOT do this yourself as it's very dangerous - always get a parent/adult to do this for you.*
4. Cut a piece of wool about 25cm long and tie a knot in it halfway (double knot later if you need to).
5. Thread the one half of the wool through the hole in the bottle cap.
6. Screw the cap back onto the top half of the bottle with one half of the string being either side of the bottle cap.
7. Fill the bottom half of the bottle with water.
8. Turn the top half upside down and place in the bottom half of the bottle, making sure the string on the bottom is in the water.
9. Get your soil ready by watering it to dampen the soil (do not soak).
10. Now fill the bottle with soil and plant your seeds in the soil.

Now be patient and wait for your plant to grow!

Taking care of your plant by keeping it hydrated: when the water in the bottom is running low, just pull the top half of the bottle out, refill the bottom bit and place the top half back in.

Did you know... we are always looking for ways to reuse things to reduce our waste on our visitor sites. The rangers - who look after sites - often use cut up plastic bottles to cover flowers, protecting them from being eaten by rabbits.

