

Make an Upcycled Planter

You will need:

Plastic bottles, milk or cardboard cartons.
Scissors or utility knife (you will need an adult to use this)
Black markers
Pencil
Paints (acrylic is best)

Paint brush
Coloured paper
Glue
String/cord
Hole punch
Soil and a succulent or plant (any type)

Instructions:

1. Collect a plastic bottle, milk or cardboard carton then wash and dry it.
2. With a marker trace the shape you wish to cut out on the bottle. The bottom part of the bottle will become your planter.
3. Use scissors or a utility knife to cut out the shape, remember you need an adult to help you with this step. For adults using a utility knife, steady the bottle on a flat surface with one hand whilst using the other to carefully cut along the traced line.
4. Once the shape has been cut you can start to decorate. You can copy the pictures below or use them for inspiration.
5. You can decorate with extras like beads, rope, sequins and stickers. You decide! See our photos for some inspiration.
6. Fill your planter with soil and a succulent or plant.

Optional:

1. Use a hole punch to create four evenly spaced holes.
2. Cut two pieces of string or cord the same length. Run the string/cord through the holes to make an X. Knot at the whole and glue down for extra hold.
3. Gather the strands at the top and tie into a knot leaving enough room to hang the planter.

