

HOW TO CREATE A BEE FRIENDLY PLANTER



You will need:



- x1 2L Arla B.O.B milk bottle
- Scissors (to be used under parental guidance only)
- Masking tape
- Chalk marker
- Sand paper
- Acrylic paint and paintbrushes
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Plant seeds and soil

- Recycled buttons or other decorations (optional)

Did you know that Bees provide vital pollination to some of the most important ingredients in our favourite foods?

We're going to show you how to upcycle your milk cartons into pollinator friendly planters.

Instructions:



- Use masking tape to tape a line around the bottle so you have a straight line to cut — place the tape around 3/4 of the way down.
- If you want to get creative, use the chalk marker to draw some cow ears above the masking tape line, or if you want a dinosaur, draw the neck and head.



- Using scissors, carefully cut around the masking tape and chalk markings, so your left with the bottom of the bottle.
- Pierce a hole in the bottle so your planter has drainage.



- Use sand paper to lightly sand outside of the bottle. This helps to roughen the surface and makes it.



- Pick your acrylic colour and paint your planter — leave to dry.
- Once dry, attach googly eyes to planter and decorate.
- Add a few small stones or rocks to the bottom of your planter to weigh it down.



- Put compost up to about half way and scatter your seeds. (you can get a free packet from Arla by visiting www.arlafoods.co.uk/thebeerod)
- Cover the seeds with compost and water before popping in a sunny spot.



- When the seeds grow into bug-friendly blooms, put your pollinator patch in a quiet spot for the bees and bugs to enjoy.

Don't forget to send us a photo!

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