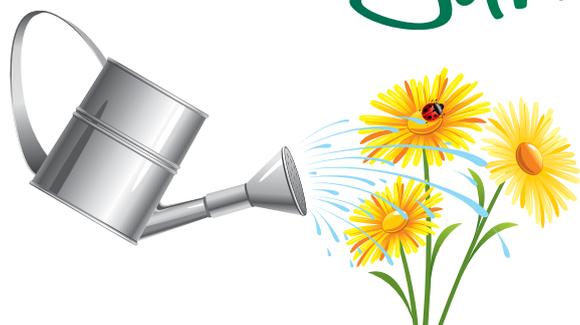




Gardening with children



Turtle Herb Planters

What you need

- Fruit cup container
- Herb seeds
- Green paint
- Googly eyes
- 4 small green pom poms
- 1 large green pom poms
- Glue gun
- Paint brush
- Daltons Potting Mix
- Spoon
- Pencil



How to make it

- 1 Paint the outside of the fruit cup green.
- 2 Hot glue the green pom poms on for the legs and head and then the googly eyes.
- 3 Using a spoon 3/4 fill the cup up with Daltons Potting Mix.
- 4 Use a pencil to create seed holes in the potting mix, then put your seeds into the holes.
- 5 Cover the seeds with a small layer of mix.
- 6 Place on a sunny windowsill and remember to water regularly.

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Botanical Sun Catchers



What you need

- Clear self-adhesive shelf liner
- Paper plates
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Flower petals — the more variety, the better!
- Leaves
- Pipe cleaners or yarn (for hanging)



How to make it

- 1 Cut out the center of a paper plate and attach the clear shelf liner to the back with the sticky side facing the front of the plate.
- 2 Arrange bits of flower petals and leaves onto the shelf liner. Try making a pattern by contrasting different types of flowers.
- 3 Once the flower petals and leaves are arranged, cover the design with another layer of clear shelf liner (cut to fit inside the paper plate).
- 4 Use a hole punch to make two holes near the top of the plate, and attach some yarn or a pipe cleaner for hanging.
- 5 Display in sunny window and when the sun shines through, these sun catchers are sure to add a bit of colourful cheer to any space!

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Garden Sundial

What you need

- 12 rocks or sea shells
- Paint or markers
- A long stick
- A clock/watch



How to make it

- 1 First, find a sunny area (preferably in a garden or flower bed) where you can build your sundial. You'll probably need a circular area that measures between 25-30cm in diameter.
- 2 Put one end of your stick into the ground so the opposite end points towards the sky. You'll have to watch the stick's shadow over the next few hours to see if you need to tilt it. The goal is when the sun is directly overhead at 12 noon, you want the shadow of your stick to be the shortest. Use a clock to time the shadow between 10am and 1pm to mark the point where the shadow was shortest on the circle.
- 3 Once you find the shortest shadow, place a marker at that spot for 12.
- 4 Check the stick's shadow on the hour to get an idea of how far apart your seashells or rocks will need to be on your circle.
- 5 Decorate your sundial's seashells and write the numbers 1 - 12 on each one.
- 6 Based on your stick markings (or place markers like our rocks), set up your sundial clock by placing the shells where the shadow falls on each hour.



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Tin Can Bunny Planters

What you need

- 1 recycled tin can
- 2 pieces of white felt
- 2 pieces of pink felt
- White spray paint
- 2 large googly eyes
- 1 large white or pink pom pom
- 1 small pink pom pom
- A small potted plant (Spring daffodils look great, tulips would too!)
- Glue gun
- Scissors
- Black sharpie
- Daltons Potting Mix
- Spoon



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How to make it

- 1 Make sure you thoroughly wash and dry your tin can. If there are any sharp edges, carefully press them down into the can using the flat side of a butter knife.
- 2 In a well-ventilated area, spray paint the can white and allow to dry completely. This is very important or else the paint on your rabbit planter will smear.
- 3 Make the bunny ears. Using a white piece of felt, fold it in half and trace a bunny ear onto it. This bunny ear should use up the entire half of the piece of the felt. Carefully cut the bunny ears out and when you are done, you will have two white ears.
- 4 Now, using a pink piece of felt, fold it in half and trace a smaller bunny ear onto it. This pink piece will be the inner ear and will nestle into the white ear, so it should be smaller than the white ears you just cut out. Carefully cut the pink ears out and when you are done, you will have two pink ears. Now, glue the smaller pink ears onto the larger white ears and set aside.
- 5 Make the bunny feet. Using a white piece of felt, fold it in half and trace a bunny foot onto it. Look closely at the feet in the picture. The "top" part is rounded whereas the bottom part is cut at a 90-degree angle. This will allow the feet to line up properly on the bottom of the can. This bunny foot should use up the entire half of the piece of the felt. Carefully cut the bunny feet out and when you are done, you will have two white feet.
- 6 Now, using a pink piece of felt, fold it in half and trace 3 toes and 1 sole onto it. These pink pieces will lay on top of the white feet. Carefully cut the pink parts out and when you are done, you will have 6 pink toes and 2 pink soles. Now, glue the pink toes and soles onto the white feet and set aside. You will also need to cut out a bunny nose from the pink piece of felt.
- 7 Wait for the spray paint to fully dry. Then use your glue gun to affix the bunny ears and pom-pom tail to the back side of the planter. Glue on googly eyes and the felt nose. Using a sharpie, draw a mouth on to your bunny rabbit planter.
- 8 Wait for the glue to set then, using a spoon, $\frac{3}{4}$ fill the planter with Daltons Potting Mix. Then gently insert the potted plant and top with soil mix.



Mini Lego Planters

What you need

- Lego
- Daltons Potting Mix or Daltons Cacti & Succulent Mix
- Small plants (Cacti would be perfect)

How to make it

- 1 Assemble the lego pieces to create a mini planter box.
- 2 Fill the planter with the mix, then plant your plant into the mix.



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Garden Bees

What you need

1 recycled tin can
2 bottle tops
6 buttons
Metal wire
Paint and paint brushes
Plastic bottle
Stick
Glue gun
Pliers, scissors, gimlet

How to make it

- 1 Paint your can with yellow paint. Once dry paint the black stripes.
- 2 Use a gimlet (or hammer and nail) to create 4 small holes from where the legs will come out and 1 bigger central hole in which we will insert the stick.
- 3 Make the legs of the bee. Slip a piece of wire (8 cm) in the holes of each button. Block it there, making a small loop with the pliers, so that the wire cannot come out of the buttons. Do the same with each of the holes previously made in the can so that the legs hang from four corners of the can.

- 4 Cut a piece of plastic out of the bottle.
- 5 Draw the wings with a marker, then cut them out.
- 6 Glue the wings to the bee's body. (If you scratch the plastic with sand paper first, the glue will attach better.)
- 7 Hot glue gun the two bottle tops to make the bee's eyes. Then glue a button inside the bottle top to make the pupil.
- 8 Slip a stick into the bigger central hole underneath the bee. Your bee is now ready to live in the garden or in a flower pot.

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Popsicle Stick Sunflowers

What you need

Craft sticks
Hot glue and glue gun
Cardboard cereal box
Scissors
Pencil
Acrylic paints
Paint brushes

How to make it

- 1 Trace and cut a small circle from the cereal box.
- 2 Cut several wooden craft sticks in half.
- 3 Using your hot glue and hot glue gun, arrange the craft sticks around the cardboard circle and affix in place with the hot glue.
- 4 Repeat with an additional circle of craft sticks so you end up with the sunflower shape. Glue one full stick on for the stem.
- 5 Have your child paint the flowers using paint colors of your choice.
- 6 Once done you can 'plant' them in a pot or add them to your garden. Try covering each flower with Modge Podge or something similar to protect it from the elements if you are going to keep it outdoors.



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