

SUPER SIMPLE RECYCLED PLASTIC BOTTLE PLANTERS



Here is a fun and easy way to reuse a plastic bottle! These are the basic instructions for creating your very own [Peekaboo Cat](#) or [Dinosaur](#) planter. Inspired to create another character? The sky's the limit!



SUPPLIES:

- Empty Plastic Bottle (any size)
- Masking Tape
- Googly Eyes
- Fine Sandpaper (300+ Grit)
- Recycled Buttons or other decorations
- Glue Stick or Hot Glue (low setting)
- Plant and Soil
 - Aquarium Gravel to assist with drainage (optional)
- Acrylic Paint and/or Spray Paint for Plastic
 - In Green, Blue or White (depending on craft)
 - Paint Brush
- Chalk Marker or Permanent Marker in black (and pink for Peek-a-Boo Cat)
- Utility Knife and Scissors
- Glue



INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Have an adult use the utility knife, spray paint, scissors and hot glue. Leave the decorating to the kids!

- Map out the Shape
 - Use the masking tape to tape a line around the bottle. This will give you a straight line to cut.
 - Dinosaur: Use the chalk marker to draw out the neck of the dinosaur above the masking tape line. Tip: Chalk marker can wipe off easily later.
 - Peekaboo Cat: Use the chalk marker to draw the ears above the masking tape line.
- Cutting
 - Pierce a hole in the bottle with a utility knife. Tip: keep the blade retracted, only exposing the tip for more control.
 - With scissors roughly cut out your shapes.
 - After the top of the bottle is removed go back around and clean up the edges.
- Sanding and Painting
 - Lightly sand the outside of the bottle to roughen the surface. This will help the paint to stick. Wipe clean (make sure bottle is clean and dry).
 - Paint the bottle with chosen shade of acrylic paint, this will take several coats. Tip: use a hair dryer to speed drying between coats. Spray paint made for plastic can be used if you already have a can at home.



- Attach accessories
 - Dinosaur: Use glue to attach googly eyes and button decorations
 - Peekaboo Cat's eyes are made of two different sized buttons attached together (the bottom painted bright green, the top black).
- Details
 - Draw in mouths (use pink marker for Peekaboo Cat and black for the dinosaur), noses and toes.
- Planting
 - Add aquarium rocks to the bottom of the planter if desired. Then fill with soil and plant.