

Earth Day Crafts

Project #2: Self-watering Seed Starter

You will need:

- Plastic soda bottle (20oz)
- **Potting soil**
- X-Acto knife or utility knife
- Marker
- Yarn or cotton string
- 2" square piece of mesh, burlap or screening
- Seeds or plant cutting



In honor of Earth Day, we have 5 easy projects you can do with plastic bottles. Make sure you check out the others.

Directions:

1. Draw a line about 1/3 of the way from the top of the bottle.



2. Cut the bottle along that line.



3. Fit the cap end of the bottle into the bottom end.







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4. Make a small hole in the middle of the mesh/screening and pull a 6-8" string/yarn through.



5. Place the mesh/string over the hole in the neck of the bottle (this is to keep soil out of the bottom of the bottle).



6. Hold up the top part of the string/yarn and add potting soil to the top half of the bottle filling half way. Drop the string and add more potting soil to just below the top of the bottle.



Step 6

7. Add water to the soil and to the bottom of the bottle. To keep the soil moist, just add water to the bottom part of the bottle so the string can bring water up to the soil!



8. Plant any kind of seed or plant cutting to the soil and place in a location with plenty of sunlight!



