



REPURPOSING PLASTIC: HOMEMADE PLANT POTS

“Repurposing” is a smart way of reducing waste being sent to landfill. To repurpose something means to find a new and different use for it. For example, a torn towel might be repurposed as bedding for a pet, or an empty jar as a piggy bank.

For this activity, you will be repurposing plastic bottles or jars to make your own homemade plant pots which can be used for living or picked plants.

See the pictures on the next page for some ideas.

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

• Plastic bottle or jar	• Permanent marker	• Seeds	• Recycled or reused items to decorate eg. buttons, material off-cuts, foil
• Scissors	• PVA glue	• Soil	
• Scrap paper	• Paint	• Water	

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- 1. Choose a plastic bottle or jar to make your plant pot. Make sure it is big enough to either grow seeds or tall enough to hold cut herbs or flowers.**
- 2. Draw a sketch of what you would like your plant pot to look like. Think about:**
 - Will your plant pot stand up or be lying down?
 - Will your pot be used indoors or outdoors?
 - How will you decorate your pot? (If outside think about waterproof decorating materials)
 - Where will the plants grow or sit in your pot?
 - Do you need to cut holes in your jar or bottle for drainage? Outline with a marker.
- 3. Ask an adult helper to cut out any holes you have outlined on your plant pot.**
- 4. Decorate your plant pot! Try to reuse items you can find around the house.**
- 5. Once dry, fill your bottle. Below is a list of some ideas for filling your plant pot:**

Indoor plant pots:

- Use your plant pot as a vase with water to keep herbs cut from the garden fresh.
- If growing indoor plants in your pot, ask an adult to help make holes in the base for water to drain out. Find an old saucer or another repurposed item to place under pot.

Outdoor plant pots:

- Fill with soil and plant herbs or seedlings. You might ask an adult to help make holes in the base of your bottle so water can drain out.

We hope you enjoy creating your own Repurposed Plastic Plant Pots!

Once you're done, you can share a photo to inspire others on our Facebook page or email to education@gorcc.com.au!

