

Milk Carton Elephant

It's Plastic Week! Save a milk carton to make this elephant - make a whole family!

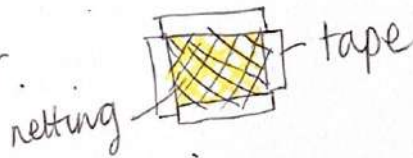
1. Wash out and dry a milk carton. When it is dry, draw where you need to cut and carefully cut around your line - the handle will be the trunk. Don't forget to cut arches for legs!
2. Next stick on some coloured paper - you could use tissue paper if you have some, or your trusty stash of magazines and junk mail OR you could paint it ~ the creative choice is yours!
3. When it is dry you can add googly or paper eyes you have drawn yourself, and share it with us #SRES at home



Hang on a Lemon!

That woven stuff you get fruit in - oranges, lemons, satsumas - hang on, don't throw it away! Cut the ends off and follow the instructions...

1. Cut a square of your woven netting and with tape, stick it down gently but firmly to your paper.



2. Choose some pencil crayons or wax crayons from the same colour family - I used 'hot' colours, but you could use blues and greens for 'cool'. Gently, holding the netting, rub your crayons over the paper. Be careful not to drag the netting too much.

3. Cut out your colouring and write a message on top in some fancy writing and send it to someone you love!

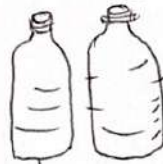
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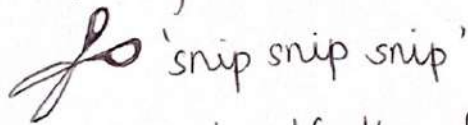
Wind Spirals

Gather some clear plastic bottles together for this beautiful garden, or balcony art!

1. Remove the lids and labels and give your bottles a quick wash and dry them carefully - you could leave them overnight to make sure they're completely dry



2. You need some permanent markers for this next step - you can colour in however you like as long as they are bright and cheery!
Cover your bottle from top to bottom and let it dry.



3. With scissors, cut off the flat bottom of your bottle and then start to cut up in a spiral around the bottle. Stop when you get to the shoulder of the bottle.

4. Now hang by threading the neck of the bottle onto a branch or stick and watch them dance!



Phone Cradle

I've been saving a *washing-up liquid bottle for weeks, thinking up what to make with it (Blue Peter would have had me making a Thunderbirds Rocket...) but this 'make' is very useful! * Any plastic bottle big enough to hold a phone will do!

1. Wash it out, scrub off the labels (you could do the washing up at the same time!) and dry it thoroughly.

2. Mark on the shape with a pen and ask an adult to cut it out for you - it's very tricky and you won't need them after this step, so they can go back to whatever it was they were doing, and you won't bother them, promise.

Front



Back



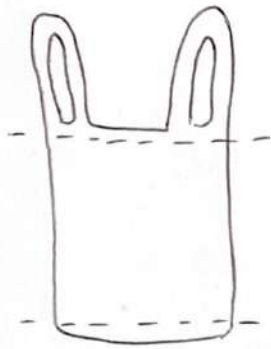
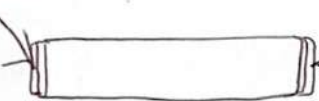
cutting the hole is VERY TRICKY! Be careful!

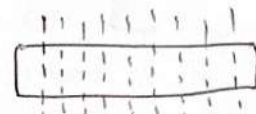
3. Now you can decorate your cradle - collage with some magazine bits or paint it with an old tester pot or acrylic paint if you are lucky enough to have some or use some marker pens to draw on it!



Pom-Pom-tastic

Hole in your carrier bag? Don't throw it away!
Follow the instructions to make these cool pom-poms, then make up a cheerleading routine - 2, 4, 6, 8, who do YOU appreciate?!

1.  'snip snip snip!' cut these bits up, fold into a long sausage with the open parts at the ends
- open end  open end.

2. Now cut along your 'sausage' to make loops of plastic bag 

3. Thread these loops together and ^{keep} knot.



repeating until you have a long string of plastic yarn (it's called 'plarn'!)

4. Wind your 'plarn' around a piece of cardboard at least 20 times (you'll get a fluffy pom-pom if you do this!)

5. Remove it from the cardboard, carefully and tie some string or strong thread around its middle.

6. Now cut the loops, top and bottom and fluff it out, trim to make it even - repeat till you've got enough pom-poms for your cheer-team and get choreographing!

Give me an **I**... Give me an **N**... Give me a **G**... Give me an **E**... Give me an **S**... Give me a **T**... Give me an **E**
"INGESTRE"

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Pop Bottle Jellyfish

You'll need an empty plastic bottle, a candle, some adult help and some sticky tape to make this amazing jellyfish sculpture.

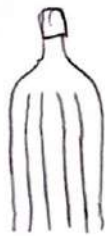
1. Rinse your bottle and with some scissors, cut off the bottom



about here is great.

2. Cut the top of the bottle into 'fronds' like

this



'snip snip snip'



3. Here's where you need an adult (at least for supervision; I don't want to be blamed for any burns! Do this bit at a table where you can keep the candle level and take your time. So, carefully, slowly run each 'frond' over the flame until it goes wavy and a bit 'bubbly'.

4. Then with the base of the bottle, do the same with the edges and then the pointy bits to flatten them a little.

5. You're now ready to join the two parts together with some clear sticky tape.

If you want to hang it, you need some thin cotton to stick to the top - - - you could light it with some of those tiny fairy lights; the possibilities are ENDLESS!





Straw Flowers

Just find some straws (we had some lurking in a drawer, which had been used a few times, so ready to be up-cycled!) and a bit of glue; PVA or school glue is best.

It's all in how you cut these so, some pointed scissors are vital for this 'make'.

I cut my flowers in 2 ways

1. Cut at an angle and place the open cut upwards to make a petal 

2. Cut down the straw from the end to make lots of slits and then push them out to make a whole flower  ← lots of little snips

3. Arrange them and pop a big blob of glue down so that they don't roll away, you can still fiddle with where they are placed for quite a while, until the glue dries fully

I really love the shadows the little ones make!

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