



ACTIVITY

Decorate a Plant Pot

Create decorative plant pots to enhance your school environment or sell at fundraising events.

Estimated time: 30 minutes

Location: Outdoors & Indoors

School term: All year round

Level of experience: No experience needed

Subject(s): Art&DT

Learning objectives

- ✓ Select from and use a range of materials to create products
- ✓ Create and compare objects for a specific task (pots)

Step by step

- 1** Choose the pot or recycled container you wish to decorate. It could be a terracotta or plastic plant pot. Ensure that it has drainage holes.
- 2** Think about the surface of the pot and how you are going to decorate it. Terracotta pots have absorbent surfaces and can be decorated with marker pens and paint. Use blackboard paint so that the name of the plant or a greeting can be written in chalk.
- 3** Plastic surfaces may be better for decoupage. Cut up old gardening magazines or catalogues and cover the surface of the pot with the pictures using PVA glue. Finally use the PVA glue as a varnish to seal the pictures.
- 4** Other ideas include using mosaic tiles or pebbles to cover the pot or winding garden twine or fabric around the pots. Terracotta pots are probably best for this purpose.



Preparation

Have a look at other plants growing in pots and select which plants you are going to grow. This will influence the size of pot and its decorative colour scheme.

Equipment needed

- Terracotta or plastic pots
- A selection of recycled containers such as metal cans or buckets if you wish to use them
- PVA glue, paint, old gardening magazines, twine, paint brushes or marker pens
- If using mosaics - pebbles or tiles and adhesive

Hints & tips

- 💡 It is a good idea to plant up decorated pots with plants that are going to grow in them for some time. If you plant them with seedlings they would need to be potted on and the decorated pot may not be a suitable size.