

How to make a mini water butt

Saving water is a great way to help look after our planet. Even making small changes to the way we use water at home can make a big difference. The plants in our gardens love a drink of rain water, but sometimes in the drier months they can't get enough. Follow our DIY guide and build your own mini water butt for the garden, so you can look after your plants and save water too!

Materials

Check you have everything you need before you get started. Tick off each of the items as you collect them all together.



Milk carton



Scissors



String



Decorations



Tape or glue

Instructions



1. Clean your carton

Grab your milk carton (make sure it's empty first!), remove the label. Give it a good clean and dry it well.



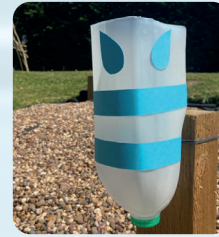
2. Cut off the base

Now very carefully cut off the base close to the bottom. You might want to ask an adult to give you a helping hand here!



3. Decorate.

Using your best arts and crafts skills, make your bottle stand out! Turn it into a garden animal, give it a cool water saving theme or just paint it your favourite colour!



4. Hang outside

Show off your creation and attach your water butt to a fence in your garden, with some gardening string. Make sure the cap is on and pointing down, so you can catch rainwater!



My Water Butt Design

Before decorating your milk carton, practice your design here! Remember that your bottle will be hung upside down when drawing your design.

