

Trash to Treasure: Plastic Bottle Planters!

Ages: 8-14

Time: 20-30 minutes

Learning Objective: Learn how reusing materials can reduce waste and help the environment

Materials Needed:

- Used Plastic Bottles
 - Utility Knife or scissors
 - Flower seeds (Marigolds work great!)
 - Soil
- Optional:
- Acrylic Paint
 - Googly Eyes

Instructions:

- Ask an adult to help carefully cut the plastic bottle in half or about 1/3 of the way from the bottom
 - We will be using the bottom half to use as your planter!
- Ask an adult to help poke a few small holes in the bottom so water can drain
- Fill your planter with soil, placing seeds about a ½ inch into the soil
- Place your new planter on a sunny windowsill and watch your plant grow!
- It's fun to track the progress by either drawing what you see as it grows or taking photos!

Optional:

- Paint and decorate your planter! Send a photo to us at programs@esplanade.org and you may be featured on our social media!

