



Upcycling – turning plastic containers into planters

Have you been following along with our Zoo Projects at Home? If you used recycled containers to plant herb seeds with us in April, they may have grown large enough to move to their own planters. If you missed the herb seed project, you can still participate in this project by using other plants or starting new seeds. Follow the steps below to upcycle plastic containers by turning them into bright and cheery planters!

You will need:

- empty plastic containers, washed and dried with labels removed (for this example we used creamer bottles, a sour cream container, and a small take-out container)
- scissors
- permanent marker
- construction paper (or be even MORE sustainable by using newspaper, paper bags, or any other recycled material)
- tape or glue
- paint, markers, and/or crayons
- soil
- plants or seeds



Step 1:

Taller containers will need to be cut down. Using a permanent marker, draw a dotted line around the container as a guide.



Step 2:

Using scissors, carefully cut along the dotted lines.

**Step 3:**

Decorate! Get creative - you can use paper, markers, crayons, paint, or any other art supplies you have available.

**Step 4:**

Add soil. You are now ready to move your herbs, plants, or start new seeds!

