

# STRAWBERRY BOTTLE PLANTER



AGE 7+



60 MINUTES



GROWING

Plastic bottles make fantastic hanging planters for any garden, green space or window box. They are suitable for a range of plants, but we recommend trying strawberries. They're easy to grow, colourful and delicious to eat!

## WHAT YOU NEED

- Plastic bottle
- Non-toxic marker pen
- Scissors
- Drawing pin
- String
- Trowel
- Peat-free compost
- A few strawberry plants (you might be able to use runners from established strawberry plants)



## DID YOU KNOW?

Strawberries are synonymous with summer. Fresh from the plant they are sweet and delicious, but as we all know strawberries are seasonal. So, one traditional (and ancient) way to preserve this sweet taste is to mix the strawberries with sugar to make jam. In fact, jam making can be tracked back to Roman times when cookery books referenced this idea of mixing sugar (or honey) with fruit to preserve it.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove the lid and label from your bottle.
2. Draw a large circle on the side of the bottle about half-way down. This will be the opening for your planter. Ask an adult to help you to cut out the circle.
3. Use a drawing pin to create holes on either side of the top of the bottle. Feed the string through the holes and tie the ends together, so now you have a handle for hanging your planter.
4. Using your trowel, carefully add your compost through the circular hole and into the bottom of the bottle.
5. Gently tuck your strawberry plant into the compost, and water gently.
6. If you're planning on hanging your strawberry planter outdoors, use the drawing pin to make a few holes in the bottom of the bottle to allow for drainage.
7. Your planter is now ready.

