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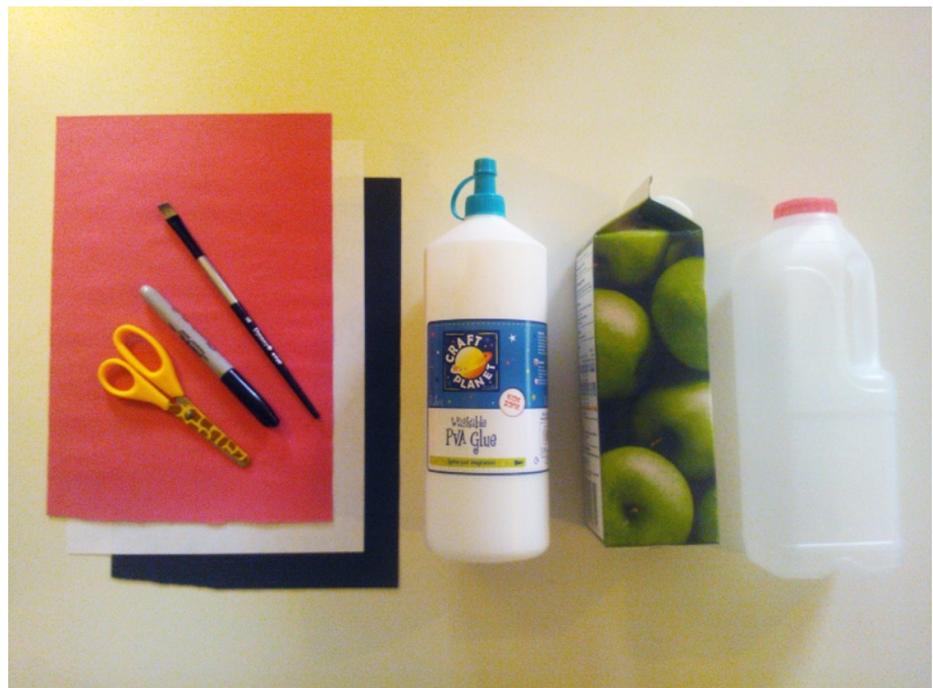
Pop Up Planters and Milk Bottle Watering Cans



This is a really nice and easy project to create, not only do you get to decorate your “pop up planter and milk bottle watering can” but you get to watch the seeds grow too!

Tools and Materials:

- Paper to decorate your pop up planter (magazines are good too just check no one is still reading them!)
- Scissors
- PVA (plus a bowl)
- Paintbrush for PVA
- Juice Carton



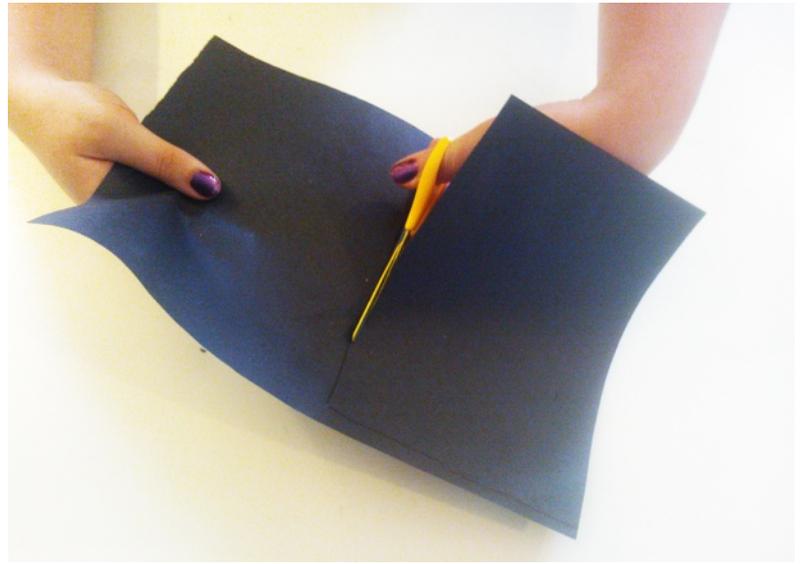
- Milk Bottle
- Permanent marker, we use sharpies but any are good, don't draw on yourself/walls/clothes though!! It won't come out!!!
- Seeds!! (As pictured on the right), we chose to photograph a salad leaves packets but you can plant anything you want just check the back of the seed packet although we found herbs (like we actually planted) and salad leaves grow the best! Plus they are tasty which helps! You could end up with your own windowsill herb garden and salad allotment!



To get started make sure your juice carton is washed out properly then make sure the opening of the juice carton is facing the table (you can use this as a drainage hole if you over water your plant). Once your juice carton is flat make a hole in one corner so you can cut along 3 sides of it to make a flap like so



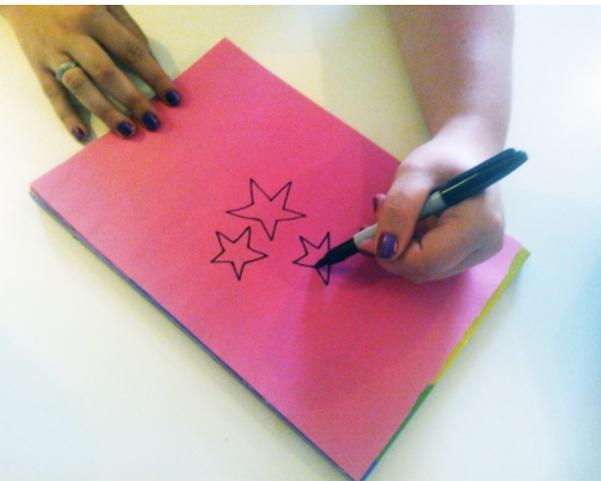
Now you have your base for your pop up planter all you need to do is decorate it, we decided to collage it but you could paint it just remember it needs at least 2 or 3 coats of white paint (household emulsion works well) before you paint a design on top.



Once you have drawn round your juice carton and cut out all the bits to cover is as a base you need to stick them on



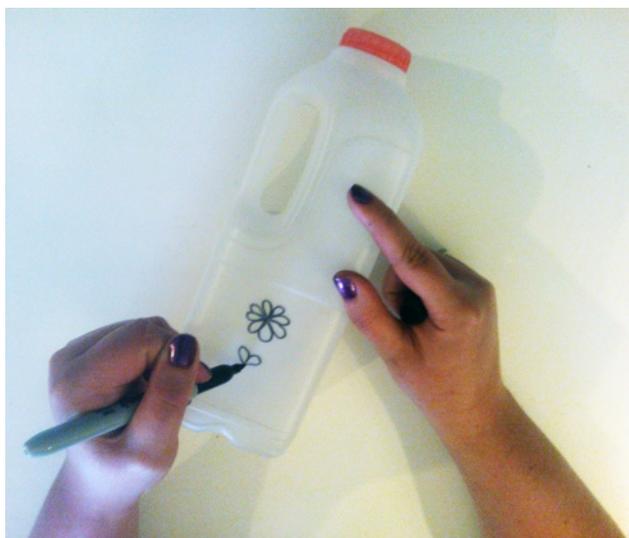
So now the fun part of decorating it! Think what you want your pop up planter to look like, you could do a garden scene, jungle or even the name of the herb or plant you are going to grow



Once you have stuck on all the bits and are happy with their position you can put the soil in. Fill it up with soil but leave it 1cm away from the top. Plant your seeds according to instructions on the packet.



Not forgetting your milk bottle watering can to keep your plant watered so it can grow! To decorate your watering can just draw a pattern on it with your permanent marker, you can actually get them in a rainbow selection of colours, we used black so it would photograph better.



Now to make the milk bottle into a watering can remove the lid and cut a cross into it with the open blade of the scissors, you might want a parent to help with this as you have to push very hard. Although we did a cross you can also poke holes, whichever you prefer



Now you can water your plant and watch it grow!!

Make sure to check it every day so it doesn't dry out, most plants in the pop up planters are happiest on a sunny windowsill but please do check the growing instructions, plants can be sensitive, not too hot, not too cold, just right!

Happy Growing!!

