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## WATERING CAN ACTIVITY

This is the world's cheapest watering can and it is a brilliant way to teach children about recycling and caring for the vegetables at the same time. This is also such a great way to water indoor plants, without making a mess everywhere. Gently sprinkle the garden with water.

What you'll need:

- ◆ Recycled plastic (milk) container, with a tightly sealed lid
- ◆ Sharp knife
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Some help from a grown up

## WHAT TO DO:

Once you've sourced another large plastic container with a tightly sealed lid, clean it out and take the lid off. There are two options for making the holes in the lid, depending on how much water you want to use in the garden.

Make a hole right in the middle of the lid with a sharp knife. This will create a single stream of water for watering seedlings or delicate plants in the garden or the wild flowers in your sow pot. Fill the plastic container with water, attach the single hole lid, then head for the garden or your nearest indoor pot plant.

Alternatively, pierce the lid with multiple holes to create a gentle waterfall effect. Once again, fill the container with water, attach the lid and head for the garden.



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Children just love helping in the garden and here is the perfect way to get them involved.

Rain water is fantastic for plants and children can help collect and store it for use in a dry period. Cleaning water to make it good enough to drink uses a lot of energy, so by using rainwater, we're also helping to save energy.

Follow these instructions to make your own watering can and water butt.

## MAKE YOUR OWN WATER BUTT

What you will need:

- ◆ A large milk bottle (6 pints ideally) and its lid
- ◆ Strong garden twine or cable ties
- ◆ Outdoor paint
- ◆ Paint brushes
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Decorations and glue (optional)

## WHAT TO DO:

1. Clean and dry the milk bottle and remove the label.
2. Carefully cut the base from the bottle (close to the bottom). You may need adult help to do this. Add your special touch by decorating the bottle to suit the garden area it is going to be placed in. It could be pretty colours or it could involve water saving messages. (Remember your bottle will be fixed with the lid pointing downwards!)
3. Once dry, use the twine or cable ties to attach the bottle to a fence or wall in your garden or yard with the lid securely fastened and pointing downwards. When it rains, your mini water butt will collect the water and you can unscrew the lid to release it into a watering can when you need to use it.

