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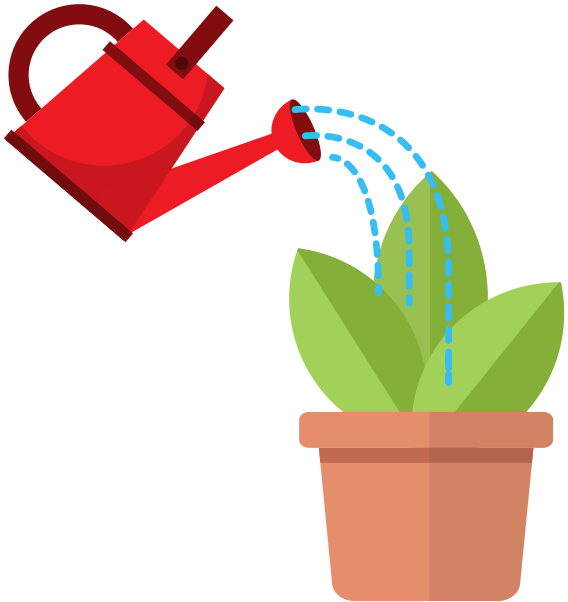
Self Watering Planter



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Supplies Needed

-Plastic bottle
-Soil
-Seeds or plant
-Pin, tack, or hole puncher
-Scissors
-String

1. Remove the cap and cut off the top third of the bottle.

2. Take the top part of the bottle and use a hole puncher or pin to make a hole near the lid end of the bottle. Repeat on the opposing side.

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3. Pull your string through the two holes so the loose ends hang down towards the cap.

4. Place the top part of the bottle back in the bottom part, cap side down.
Make sure the string is long enough to touch the bottom of the bottle, then tie it off in a knot to close the loop.

5. Fill the bottle 1/3 to 1/2 full with water and carefully place the top with the lid facing down onto the bottom so the string is submerged in water.

Water is sticky because of cohesion and adhesion. As the soil gets dry, water will be attracted to the fibers on the string and move up into the soil!

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4. Plant the seeds or plant into soil and lightly water. The self watering planter will take it from there. Place in a sunny window.

Helpful Tips:

Remove the top and refill the bottom whenever the water gets low.

If it looks extra dry at the top of the soil add some water.

Whenever the plant is ready to repot or you are done with the project, make sure to remove the string and rinse out the bottles so it can continue its life cycle and be recycled!

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