



“The glory of gardening: Hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.” ~ Alfred Austin

PLASTIC BOTTLE PLANTER MINI VEGETABLE GARDEN

Reusing is even better than recycling, and in this activity we will reuse plastic soda bottles to create a mini, even portable, vegetable garden. This garden is best for shallow-rooted veggies such as lettuce and other greens. You can bring it inside during winter months and grow fresh salads. It will work with herbs as well.

TIP: Gather multiple bottles and string them all together for a vertical garden.

Materials You Will Need:

- 33.8 ounce plastic bottle
- Sharp scissors
- Drill (hand drill works well)
- 1/8" bit
- Heavy duty string or wire
- Potting soil
- Plants or seeds

Procedure:

1. Wash the plastic bottle out thoroughly.
2. Cut a 3"x 2" hole in the center.
3. Drill a hole on the top and one on the bottom near the ends for hanging.
4. Drill a few holes on the side opposite the 3x2 hole for drainage.
5. Fill bottle partway with potting soil.
6. Plant seeds or plants and cover with more soil.
7. Water and hang in a spot which will get the required light for the plant that you used.



An elaborate soda bottle garden