

Make a mini water butt



Watering plants with rainwater is a great idea! By making a mini water butt, you can collect and store rainwater which can then be used when there is not much rainfall during drier months of the year.

It also means that you are saving water as you are not using a tap to fill up watering cans.

Treating water before it gets to our taps uses up lots of energy, so by using rainwater to water plants instead, you are also saving energy which is great for our environment.

Materials

- A large empty plastic milk bottle and lid
- Cable ties or twine
- Scissors
- Paint to decorate the water butts

Instructions

1. Make sure that your milk bottle has been cleaned and the lid is firmly screwed on.
2. Cut the bottom off from the bottle. Be very careful when you do this!
3. Decorate the bottle with WaterAid themed ideas. It's important to remember that the bottle will be attached upside down to collect rainwater.
4. Turn your milk bottle upside down and attach twine or cable ties around the butt, to a fence or other suitable location.
5. Your mini water butt will collect water when it rains.
6. When you want to fill up your watering can, simply unscrew the lid so the water flows out.