

EXPLORERS



Craft Box - Old Shoe Planters

This activity is for Explorers
but any section or leaders
could take part too !

What you need:

- Old shoes or boots
- Alternatively old tins or other containers
- Paints to decorate (optional)
- Compost
- Seeds or seedling plants of your choice
- Drill or other tool to make holes



How to make it:

Look around your home to find old items that could be used as planters, but make sure you ask for permission before you use it as a planter.

Before you start you must make sure whatever containers you are using, either shoes or tins, there are drainage holes drilled into the bottom to allow for drainage or your plants will rot.

1. Gather your containers and make sure they are clean and dry.
2. If you want to paint the container, do so, and leave it to dry thoroughly (optional).
3. Move the container to the position you want it, as it may be too heavy to move when full of soil, making sure it's in a place where it will be in the sun.
4. Fill the container with compost.
5. Sow seeds or plant seedlings into the containers.
6. Give everything a good water using a fine spray so not to disturb seeds too much.
7. Now watch the plants grow and remember to water regularly.

Get more Crafty:

Take a trip to the local charity shop to find more unusual items that could be turned into a container for plants to grow in.



Safety Notes:

Scissors / Sharp Objects: Supervise young people appropriately when using scissors.
Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

Gardening and Nature: Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.