

Blue Peter Topsy Turvy Tomatoes



You will need

- ✓ 1.5 litre bottle
- ✓ Potting compost
- ✓ Twine
- ✓ Small tomato seedling
- ✓ Hole punch
- ✓ Piece of thin card
- ✓ Scissors

Introduction

These upside-down, hanging-basket tomato plants are a brilliant way to get excited about growing your own.

Instructions

Step 1



Cut off the bottom of the bottle about 2cm up. Grab an adult to help you for this bit.

Step 2



Hole punch four equally spaced holes at the bottom of the bottle. Put the bottle aside for later.

Step 3



Take a piece of card, roughly A5 size. Cut a straight line from one of the edges to the centre of the card.

Step 4



Thread the bottom of the seedling stalk into the slit in the card. This holds the earth around the roots of the seedling for the next part.

Step 5



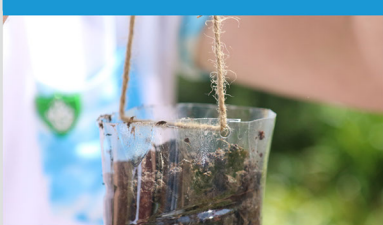
Turn the seedling upside down and insert it into cut-off end of the bottle. Thread the seedling through carefully until its leaves and stalks poke out of the spout.

Step 6



Fill the rest of the bottle up with potting compost, leaving enough space so you can still see the holes.

Step 7



Thread twine through the holes and tie them together at the top.

Step 8



There you have it – your topsy turvy tomato plant! Now all that's needed is to hang it somewhere in the sun, water it regularly and wait for the tomatoes to grow.