



How to make a Tin Can Garden

Create your own mini garden from recycled materials, and don't forget to keep watering it!

What you need

Someone to help



Washed tin can



Board, hammer and nails



Felt tip pens/paint



Compost/soil and plants



What you do:

- Remove lid fully and ask an adult to check whether the rim is smooth
- You can either peel off the label or keep it on to paint over
- Wash out the tin can and dry
- Talk about the risks/benefit of using tools, ensuring hands are kept the maximum space away when using hammers
- Turn can up-side-down on a board, and using a hammer and nails, gently tap to make drainage holes in the bottom
- Colour or paint the label
- Fill can with soil/compost and add your plant
- Water and put in a sunny spot in your garden
- Clean up and wash your hands afterwards
- Over time the label is likely to weather and the can may rust – you can always turn it into a bug home.

