

# HOME LEARNING ACTIVITY: MAKE A VERTICAL GARDEN USING PLASTIC BOTTLES

A great way of maximising limited garden space or creating a garden using a blank patch of outdoor wall is to use recycled plastic bottles to create wonderful vertical gardens. These work well for growing flowers, herbs and small vegetables. They can also look very attractive and provide an eye-catching feature in your outdoor space.

Simply cut a rectangular hole in the side of a bottle (adult supervision/ assistance required) to create your growing area. It is very important to add some drainage holes on the opposite side. Use scissors to poke holes in the side of the bottle directly beneath your growing area. Then fill with potting compost and plants! You can even construct self-irrigating gardens by placing your bottles directly above each other. Then the water you pour into the top bottle drains down into the bottles beneath it. There are some examples of vertical gardens using bottles below.

