



SEEING GREEN

According to one research study, 66% of American households have at least one live plant.



Create a face planter with found objects

What you need

- Used food cans
- Craft paint and paintbrush
- Acrylic primer (optional)
- Hammer and nail or pebbles
- Found objects, like plastic caps, buttons, clothespins, straws, and rubber bands
- Craft glue, superglue, or hot glue
- Tiny magnets
- Potting soil and a plant

Instructions

1. Clean the cans and remove their labels.
2. Paint the cans in colors of your choice. You may need to apply several coats for a deeper color. (If you want to cover up patterns, paint with acrylic primer first.)
3. Create a place for water to drain. An adult can make a few drainage holes in the bottom of the can with a hammer and a nail. Or you can add a layer of pebbles to the bottom to make a drainage area. If you use pebbles, add them after you've made the face.
4. Plan out your planter's face. Take your pile of collected items and make different arrangements on a table. If you wish, you can first paint some of the objects. (The

- craft stick and clothespin in the photo above were painted first.) You can cut larger items, such as plastic caps and straws, down to a smaller size to fit the face.
5. Attach your planter's face. You have two options for putting the facial features on: Glue them directly onto the can, or glue them to small magnets and then attach the magnets to the metal cans. The benefit of using magnets is that you can move items around and change the facial features. If using hot glue or superglue, ask an adult for help.
 6. If using pebbles for drainage, add them to the planter. Then add potting soil and a plant.



ECO TIP OF THE WEEK

PICK UP TRASH ON A NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

You may notice litter on the ground around your neighborhood. Picking it up while you're outside on a walk is a great way to help keep your local environment clean and protect animals that could be harmed by trash. First, be safe. Always go with at least one adult, and invite family and friends to join you. Protect your hands with a pair of thick gloves, and if your family has one, you can also bring a litter-grabbing pickup stick. Steer clear of picking up anything that looks sharp or unsafe. You can carry one bag for trash and another bag for recyclables. When you're done, have an adult send us a photo at hello@theweekjunior.com. We may publish it in a future issue!

