

Bottle Basket

Make a cute and sturdy basket using a plastic soft drink bottle. This project requires adult assistance to cut and heat the plastic bottle.

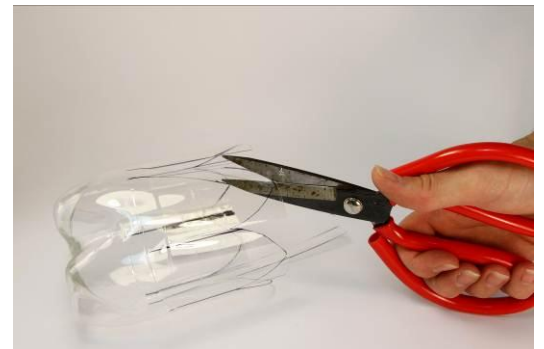
You will need:

- empty plastic bottle
- scissors
- candle
- tissue paper
- PVA glue

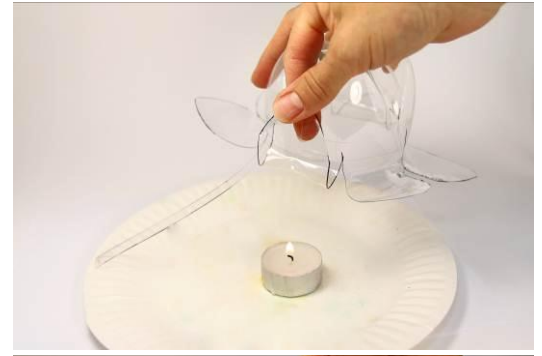


Method

1. Cut the top of the bottle. Use the template below to mark the petals and handle on the bottle. You may need to enlarge or reduce the template to fit your bottle.
2. Cut out the basket. Remember to include the 2 handle strips in your cutting. Cut the petals all the way down the lines.
3. Bend each petal back wave it over the candle flame. Do not hold the bottle too close to the flame as it will buckle the plastic too severely. (Or burn your finger!) Be patient and slowly move the plastic up and down over the flame until it holds its shape.



4. Turn the basket over and repeat from the other side.



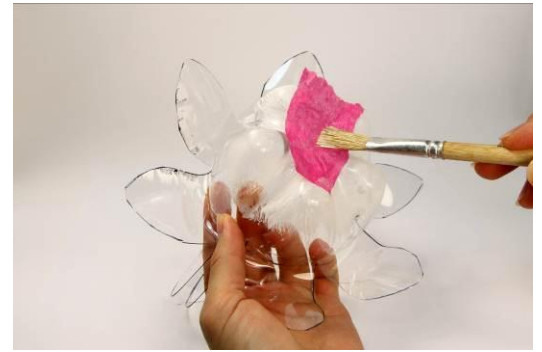
5. Stick the 2 handle strips together with tape.



6. Brush some PVA over the plastic.



7. Layer pieces of coloured tissue all over the basket. Brush each piece down with more PVA.



8. Use a contrasting colour in the bottom of the basket to form the centre of the flower.



