

Waikato

ENVIROSCHOOLS



Up-cycling in the Garden

You don't need money in order to start a garden at home. Lots of the tools and materials that you need can be made from things that you find around your house - things that you might think of as rubbish and throw away.

What tools and materials do you think you will need to start a small garden?

- Make a list of tools and materials that you will need to start a garden. Here are some ideas - plant pots, soil, seeds, watering can...
- Explore your house to see what you already have that you can use to start your own vege garden. Get creative! You could use an old spoon as a trowel, or a tin can as a plant pot (don't forget you'll need to make holes in the bottom).
- Remember to check out your recycling bin too - there's lots of useful thing in there which can be used rather than thrown away.
- Draw or write up your ideas - what do you need and what can you use? Take some photos, draw a picture or make a poster so that you can share your ideas.



Milk Bottle Watering Can

You can make a really effective watering can from an old milk bottle by banging holes in the lid with a nail.

Give it a go and find out...

- What happens when you have bigger or smaller holes?
- What happens when you have more or less holes?

Here are some more ideas for you to make...

Garden signs

- What signs do you need in the garden?
- What do you need to remember, or what do you want other people to know?
- What materials could you use in order to make seed / plant markers?
- Get creative and draw / paint some signs for your garden.



Organic garden pest spray

- There are lots of recipes online for home-made sprays to keep bugs away from your plants.
- Ingredients like garlic, mint, chili and soap can work well.
- Do some research online and try out a few different recipes.

Take a moment to reflect...

- How does re-using or up-cycling things we have already care for Papatuanuku and Ranginui?
- What other ideas have you got for up-cycling or re-using things around your home so you don't have to buy new items ?

HAPPY GARDENING!

