

Pop-Up-Planters



You can make a pop-up-planter in which to raise seedlings, grow herbs or even vegetables, from a common or garden Tetra Pak. They make wonderful gifts; ladies (and some men) are always delighted to receive one bursting with lettuce or cress. The spout becomes a handy drainage hole, but please protect window sills from seeping water.

Materials:

Tetra Pak

Glue (PVA)

Paint

Patterned paper, flyers, buttons, stickers, old cards - anything you can stick on.

Peat free soil.

Some seeds or seedlings to plant.

Primer (water based) optional.

Tools:

Scissors

A pen

A ruler

Paintbrush (decent brushes make all the difference and remember, washing them after use is very important)





Method:

1. Draw a rectangle on one side of your *clean* Tetra Pak.
2. Cut out the rectangle, you can leave it hinged on one side if you wish: have a look at our examples.
3. Select things to decorate the planters with.



We decided to under paint one pack red, one black and the green stripy one white. Under painting has an impact on the colours you put on top.

Handy hint: The surface of the Tetra Pak is waxy so use an acrylic paint. PVA glue mixed in to the paint will help it to adhere. The paint will take time to dry so be patient.





Your planters can tell a visual story. For example we decided mint and oranges would make a refreshing summer drink, so we added oranges to the decoration to remind ourselves to try it out when our mint was mature enough to crop. You could grow lettuce and decorate your planter with rows of snails or select a colour to match your kitchen and stick on portraits of your family. Let your imagination take seed and ideas will flourish.





For inspiration [search the collections](#) at the Victoria & Albert Museum where you will find some of the world's most beautiful vases and plates. The V&A is a treasure trove where you can find new ideas from very old things and see cutting edge work by contemporary designers.

The pop-up-planters were decorated by the talented Amanda Callis. www.calliscreative.com. (Mick Jagger may like the lips planter in the middle!)



POP-UP-FARM

How about making a Pop-Up-Farm? Pop-up-planters look great alongside a few pigs and chickens.

You could have a very healthy effect on school lunches if you grew a few 'play ground potatoes' or 'class room carrots'. Imagine, growing more sprouts than you ever thought possible, ten for every teacher, every day for a week?

You can visit Paul and Hannah Clark's website www.pop-up-farm.com and watch some of the very informative video's by 'pop-up-children. Fifty schools in Burnley, Lancashire, are getting on with their very own Pop up-Farms.

Thank you Paul for sharing with Start Imagining this neat idea for recycling tetra paks

