



## **Grassy Easter baskets**

## You will need...

- One empty two-litre fizzy drink bottle (or similar)
- Potting compost
- Mustard and cress seeds (fast growing if possible)
- Wallpaper or similar to cover bottles
- Raffia or cardboard for the handle
- Easter eggs for filling the baskets

## What you do...

- Cut the drink bottles to about 10 cm high and decorate the outside with the wallpaper.
- Fill with compost to about 3 cm below the rim and sprinkle generously with the seeds.
- Water daily. The cress should grow in one or two weeks.
- Finally, make a basket handle from raffia or cardboard, and staple it to the drink bottle.
- Fill the baskets with foil-wrapped Easter eggs or chocolate bunnies.



Fairly

clean



messy



Quite messy



# **Blotchy blotting eggs**

## You will need...

- Blotting paper or coffee filters
- Food colouring
- Drinking straws

## What you do...

- Cut the paper into egg shapes
- For the dye, mix the food colouring into bowls of water a few drops at a time.
- Dip a drinking straw into the dye. Put your finger over the end to move the dye over to your egg.
- Let go, and create blotchy designs on your eggs!
- Leave the eggs to dry. Stick a few eggs onto card to make a usual Easter card.



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