

Homemade Bird Bath

Looking for something to do with all those plastic 2-liter bottles that seem to accumulate endlessly? Turn them into a unique mini birdbath! With a bit of paint and ingenuity, you and your kids can transform three bottles into a bath for your backyard feathered friends.

What You Need:

- 2 2-liter clear plastic bottles, cut off approximately 5" from top (save the top pieces and at least 1 lid)
- 1 1-liter clear plastic bottle, cut off approximately 3" from bottom
- Sandpaper
- Scissors or utility knife (adult use only)
- Non-toxic oil pastels
- Materials to put in base such as shredded Mylar, plastic beads, sequins, decorative marbles, aquarium rock, pebbles, or shells
- Glue gun (adult use only) and glue sticks



What You Do:

1. Before you begin, use sandpaper to smooth any rough edges of plastic.
2. Cut off the neck portion of one of the 2-liter bottle tops.
3. Help your child decorate the outside of this cut piece with non-toxic oil pastels. Add lots of color.
4. Push the decorated piece into the second 2-liter bottle top (with neck and lid remaining). This will protect the oil pastel decoration.
5. Place a variety of materials into the cut-off base of the 1-liter bottle. This will serve as the birdbath stand. Fill it about half full, allowing room for the birdbath top.
6. Insert the decorated top into the base, lid side down. You may have to rearrange the material in the base so the top sits securely.
7. Use a hot glue gun to fasten the pieces together. Once the glue dries, the birdbath is ready to fill with water.

What to do with extra bottle parts? Use the tops to make funnels for sand or water play and turn the bases into unique flower pots by filling them with soil and planting a flower inside.

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