

# Script for leaders

## Follow along with the video session for 'Get growing with recycled planters'.



**Explain what you're doing today, give everyone a bit of background information, and make sure they have what they need. You could say something like:**

In this activity, we're going to connect to the natural environment and improve our communities by turning unwanted items into recycled planters.

To get growing with recycled planters, you'll need something to use as a planter. We're using an old wellie, but an old shoe, bag, or ball would work too. You'll also need some scissors, a sharp screwdriver or nail, a block of wood, an adult, some gravel or stones, some peat-free compost, some seeds, and some labels.

**Tell everyone how to get their item ready for its new lease of life. What you say will depend on the items everyone's using, but you could say something like:**

The person in the video's cutting the top of the wellie off so she can get her hands inside. If you're using a shoe, you'll need to remove the laces and pull out the tongue to get as much potting space as you can. If you're using an old ball, you'll need to carefully use your scissors to cut away the top third of the ball so you can see inside. Make sure an adult helps you with this bit!

**Explain how to add drainage holes if the planter needs them. You could say something like:**

Next, you'll need to make sure you have enough drainage so water can escape. If you need to add drainage holes, you'll need your adult to stick around to help. Put your planter over a piece of wood and use a nail or sharp screwdriver to poke holes – the sharp end should end up in the wood.

**Talk everyone through filling their planter with gravel, compost, and plants or seeds. You could say something like:**

Now your planter's ready to go. Line the bottom with gravel or stones, then add some peat-free compost and your plants or seeds.

And your planter is done! Make some labels so you know what's inside, and make sure you water it regularly so your plants have everything they need to grow.

**Help everyone reflect on what they've learned. You'll find some tips on the activity page.**