



Be a greenfingered Mini

Make a planter, grow some easy-peasy plants to pop inside and decorate your green space (a windowsill or balcony works) with a gang of brightly painted rock bugs. It's time to go wild...

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Make a planter

Give a new life to an old tin can by turning it into a colourful planter.

What you'll need:

1. Tin can (rinsed and dried)

2. Acrylic paints and a paintbrush

3. Scissors

4. Glue

What to do:



 Take a tin can and ask a grown-up to make a few holes in its base for drainage.



2. Paint the can with your brightest paints.

Let it dry.



3. Cut out the face and accessories template to decorate the can. (See next page.)



4. Glue the pieces onto the can to make a face. The funnier the better so let your imagination run wild.



5. Add a plant (we've got an idea for growing your own, no seeds needed) to its new home and keep it wellwatered to stop it going thirsty.

Mini green tip: Grow celery

You can grow celery from a dish by placing the cut-off celery bottom in water. In a day or two, you should see growth. Once it roots, you can pop it in your planter.



Make rock bugs

No little green space is complete without some minibeasts to brighten it up.

What you'll need:

- 1. Rocks (you knew that rock collection would come in handy one day)
- 2. Acrylic paints and a paintbrush
- 3. Gloss varnish (optional but will make them nice and shiny)



1. Wash your rocks with water and let them dry.



2. When they're dry, paint a bright layer all over the rock.



Paint the tip of each stone black and allow to dry. Add eyes by painting two white circles and then once dry add a black dot onto each eye.





4. Paint on black stripes for a bumblebee and black dots for a ladybird. Don't forget to add tiny antennae to the bee.



5. Let the paint dry. You can then layer gloss varnish on top, if you wish. Place the bugs in their new home.

Mini green tip: Other things to do with your rock bugs

Hide the creatures around the garden and go on a minibeast hunt. You can also use them to play a game of noughts and crosses.

Green gallery

Minis know where all the best rocks can be found

Shanie, our Head of US Marketing and her Mini share their wonderful creations.













