

## Make your own mini waterbutt



We all know plants need water to stay alive, but did you know plants actually prefer rain water than water from the tap. This is because rain water contains lots of nutrients which help plants to grow and flourish.



Waterbutts are a great way for collecting rain water to water the garden and as we usually get plenty of rain here in Northern Ireland they are a great way to catch water to use on drier days.



Making your own mini waterbutt is a simple way to collect rain water, save water and keep our flowers and gardens blooming.

### What you need

- An empty plastic milk bottle – the bigger the better
- Scissors
- Garden String or cable ties
- Decorations – paint, stickers, waterproof pens

### What to do

1. Clean and dry your milk bottle and remove the label.
2. Carefully cut the base of the bottle. You might need to ask an adult for help.
3. Decorate your bottle using bright colours or why not add some water saving messages. Remember the bottle will be fixed in place with the lid pointing down, so make sure your decorations don't end up upside down.
4. Find the perfect place on the garden fence to attach your mini waterbutt using garden string or cable ties. Ensure the cap is on and pointing downwards like the picture so it will catch the rain.
5. Once the rain has collected in your mini waterbutt place a watering can underneath and screw off the lid to let your watering can fill.



For more information on saving water visit <https://www.niwater.com/how-to-save-water/>