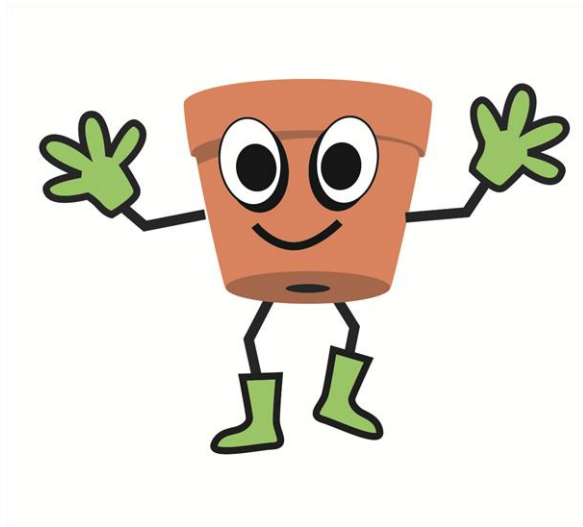


# **Horsell Flowerpot Festival**

## **Hints & Tips on how to make flowerpot creations**



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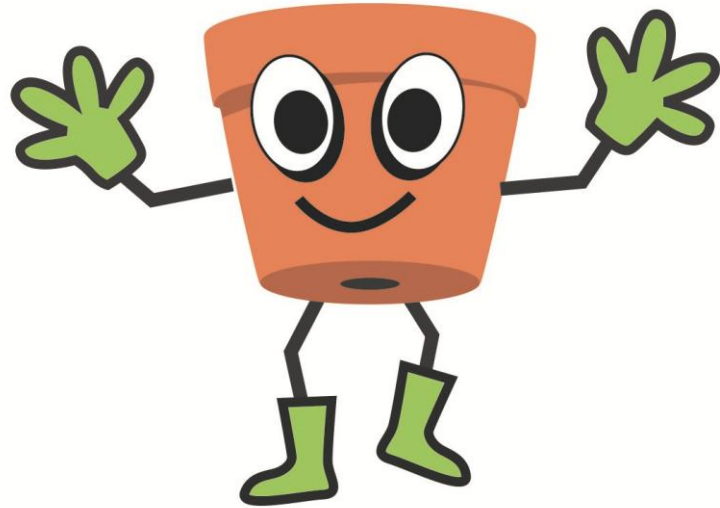


**It all started when Nancy visited Settle  
Flowerpot Festival in July 2017...**





**Nancy set up Horsell's first Flowerpot Festival in 2018 and it has been going strong ever since!**







# Hints and Tips on Making Flowerpot Creations

# What sort of things will you need?

- Flowerpots (!)
- **To join them together – a few options:**
  - Cable ties
  - Wire
  - Strong sticky tape that is waterproof (e.g. Electrical tape, plumbing tape)
  - Clothes line/string
  - Bradawl/something for making a hole
  - Spacers – polystyrene, foam, old hose pipe cut up, wood
  - Glue
- **To decorate them:**
  - Paint (remember it needs to be water resistant)
  - Felt tip / permanent markers
  - Stick on eyes
  - Wool, even plants, for hair
- **To display them:**
  - Fishing wire (polyamide thread) to help them fly

Even in Summer the great British weather can be fun – so build sturdy and waterproof if you can

# How to make a basic flowerpot person

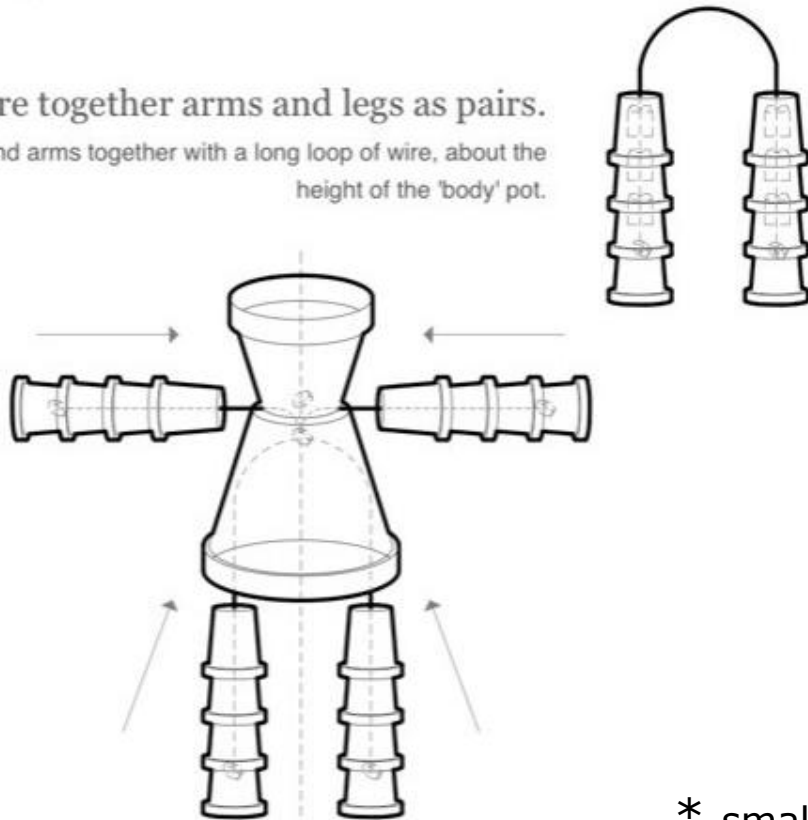


## Make arms & legs from small pots.

Start by wrapping wire around a nut or washer before feeding it through the drainage hole of the first pot on top of the first pot slide a spacer, made from wood or polystyrene with a hole in it.\* The next pot goes over the spacer and continue like that until you're happy with the length of the leg / arm. Once you're happy with the first side do the same in reverse on the other side.

## Wire together arms and legs as pairs.

connect legs and arms together with a long loop of wire, about the height of the 'body' pot.



## Connect arms and legs to the body.

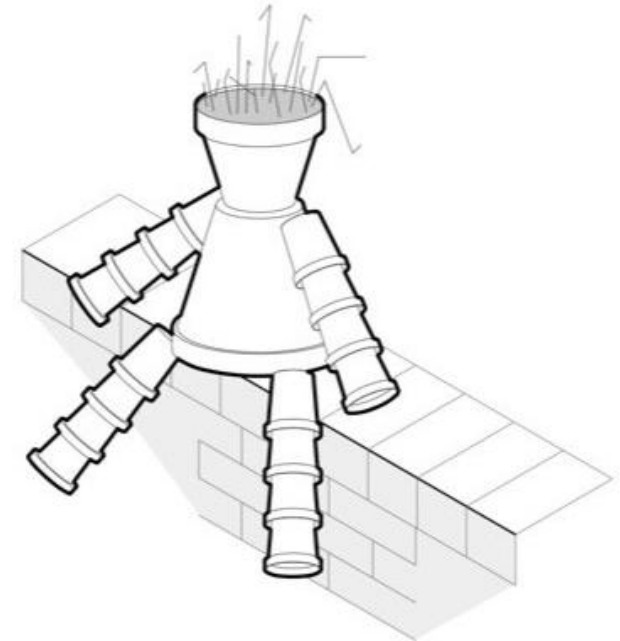
Connect the wire loops, using small lengths of wire, wrapped tightly around the wire connecting the head and body.

## Give your plant pot person a personality.

Plant your character's head with anything you like:

shaggy grasses for spikey hair, or sedums for a buzz cut? for long hair how about trailing bedding?

And don't forget to give him/her a face! Use a marker pen, paint, or stick things on...



\* small lengths of garden water hose also make excellent spacers

# A flowerpot rabbit step by step: materials



- Flowerpots
- Gardening / florists wire
- Electrical tape
- String
- Wool
- Glue
- Eyes
- Paint
- Permanent marker



# First the body. Rabbit needs legs...



- Cut a small flowerpot in half as the legs
- Attach it to the body
  - Here we've used wire and a bradawl to make 2 holes, threaded the wire through and twisted it inside the flowerpot.
  - You could use cable ties, tape or glue instead



## ... and a tail!



- Also added a tail by making a pom-pom out of wool, making a hole in the back of the flowerpot and pulling the loose thread through and tying it.
- You could just buy a pom-pom and glue it on.



- Finished off inside by taping over the twisted ends of the wire to stop it scratching and loosely tying the pom-pom (so it can be removed and washed if need be!)

# Now the head. Rabbit needs ears!



- Cut out of a flowerpot with the rim at the bottom to make it easier to attach to the head
- Painted with satin paint with a bit of colour added



- Attached to the head using wire as before and tape inside
- Again tape, cable ties or glue could be used instead



# Rabbit needs a face!



- Wire painted white for the whiskers
- Eyes to glue on
- Knotted string for the nose with string left at each end
- Paint and permanent marker for the teeth



- Whiskers fed in and out of 2 large holes then taped on the back
- Nose string pulled through a hole in the middle and taped on the back.
- You could just glue a pom-pom for the nose / pipe cleaners for the whiskers
- Eyes glued and mouth and teeth painted



# Assemble your rabbit!

- Wired together either side of the head as before
- Finished off with a bow to hide the join!





# Putting Humpty Dumpty Together!

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- Using wire for the legs and old hose as spacers for the legs

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- Bottom weighed down with bricks



# Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall!

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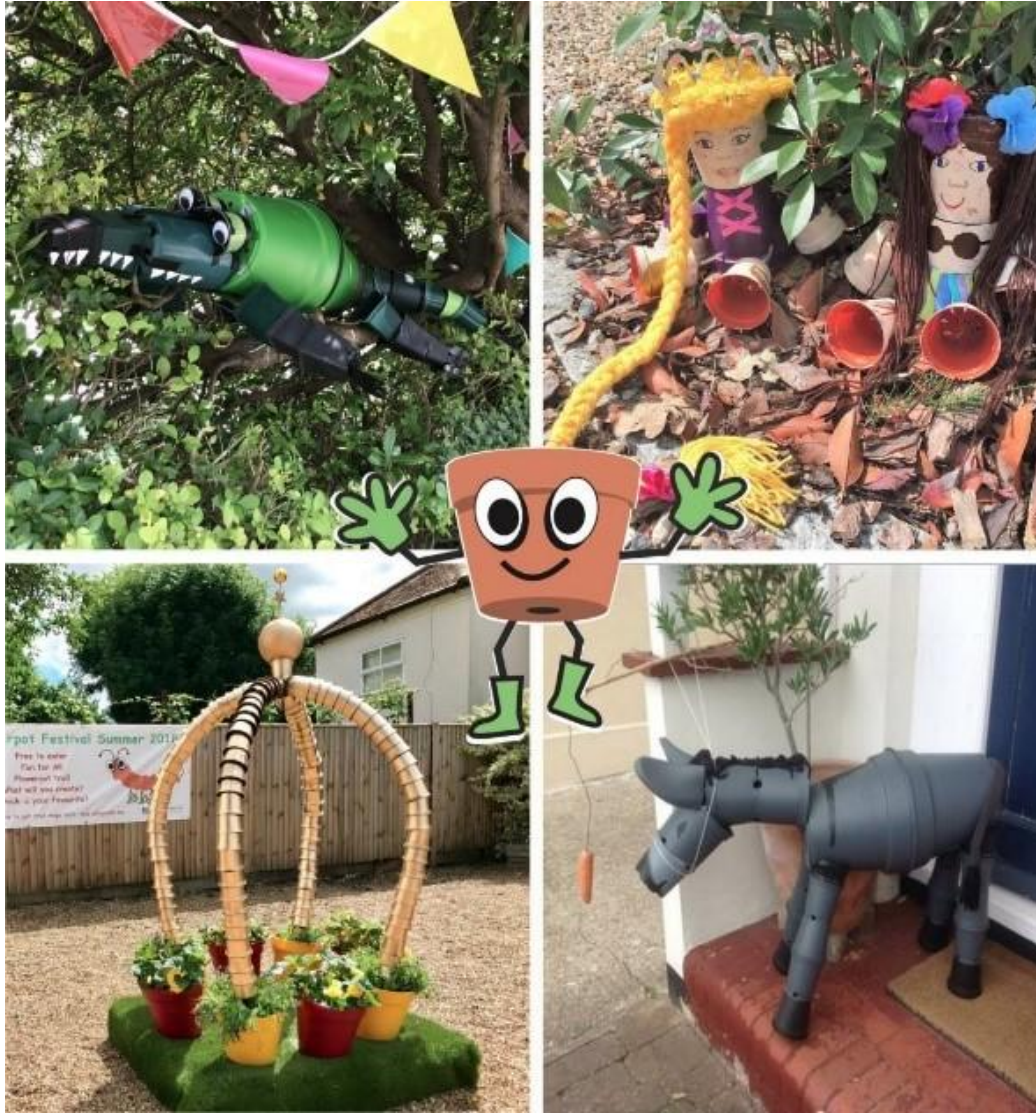


6.



- Arms attached in a similar way to the legs
- Then top and bottom joined together and decorated





# Inspiration!



# From Settle: wonderful creations around and about the town...





# A few more...





# Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2018





# Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2019





# Horsell Village School pupils





# All creatures great and small!





# Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2020



The Horsell Martian!





# Some more...





# Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2021





# Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2022





# What are you going to create?



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