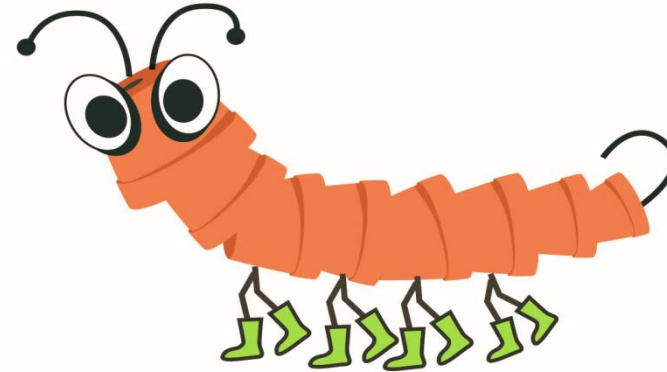
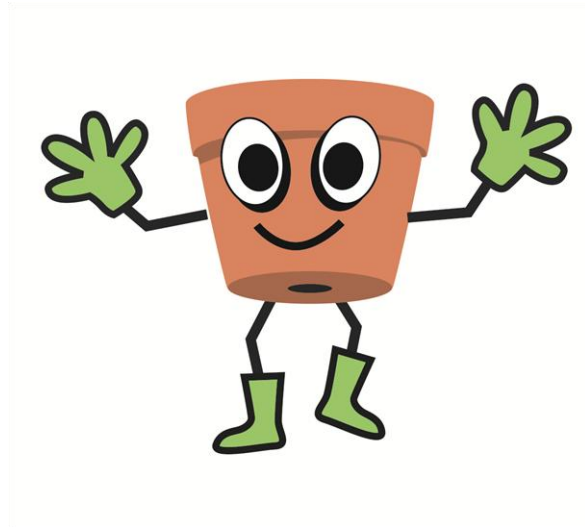


Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2022

Hints & Tips on how to make flowerpot creations



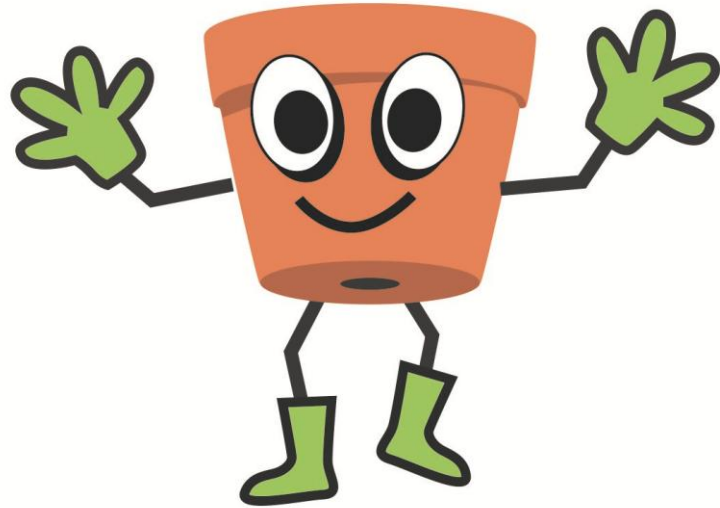
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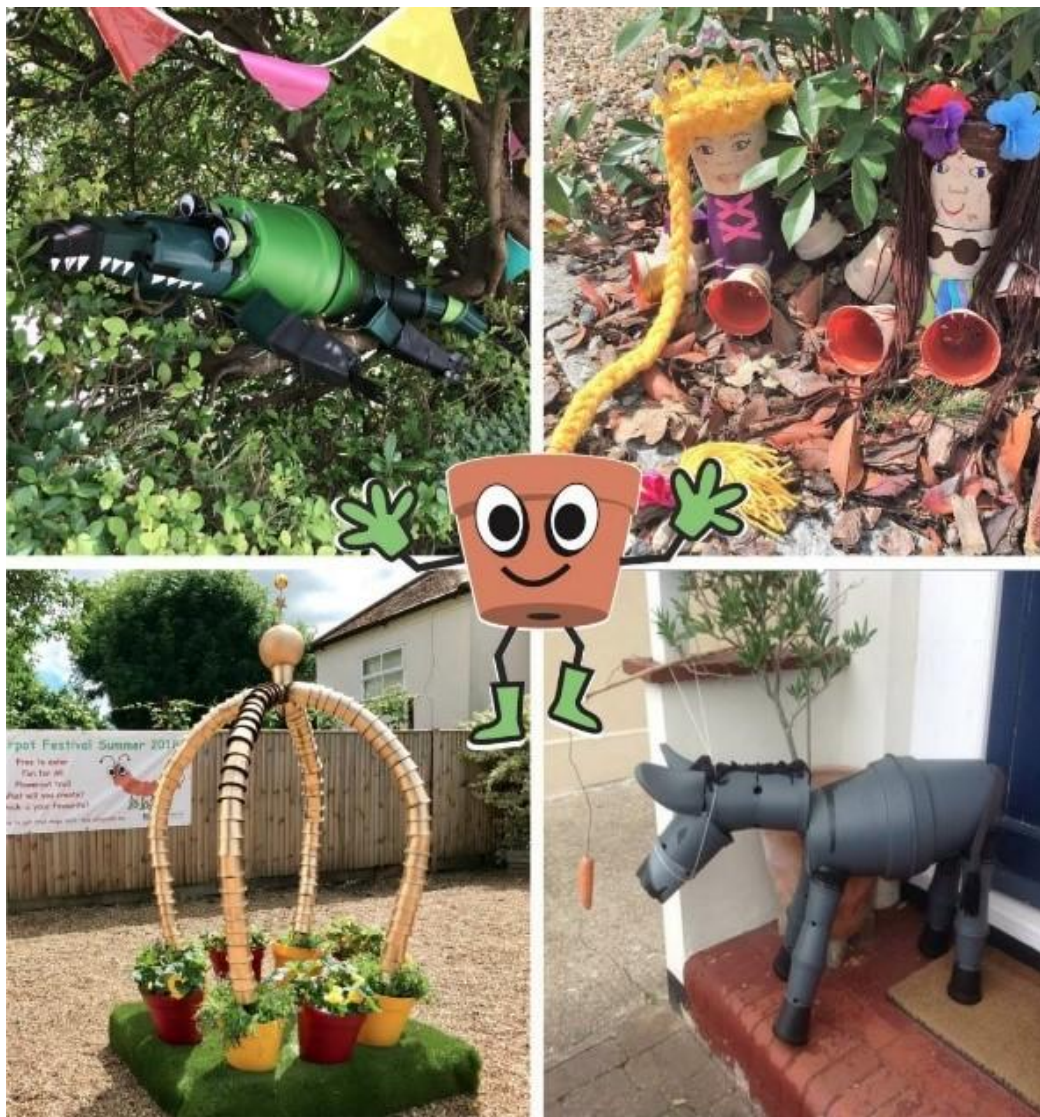


**It all started when Nancy visited Settle
Flowerpot Festival in July 2017...**



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

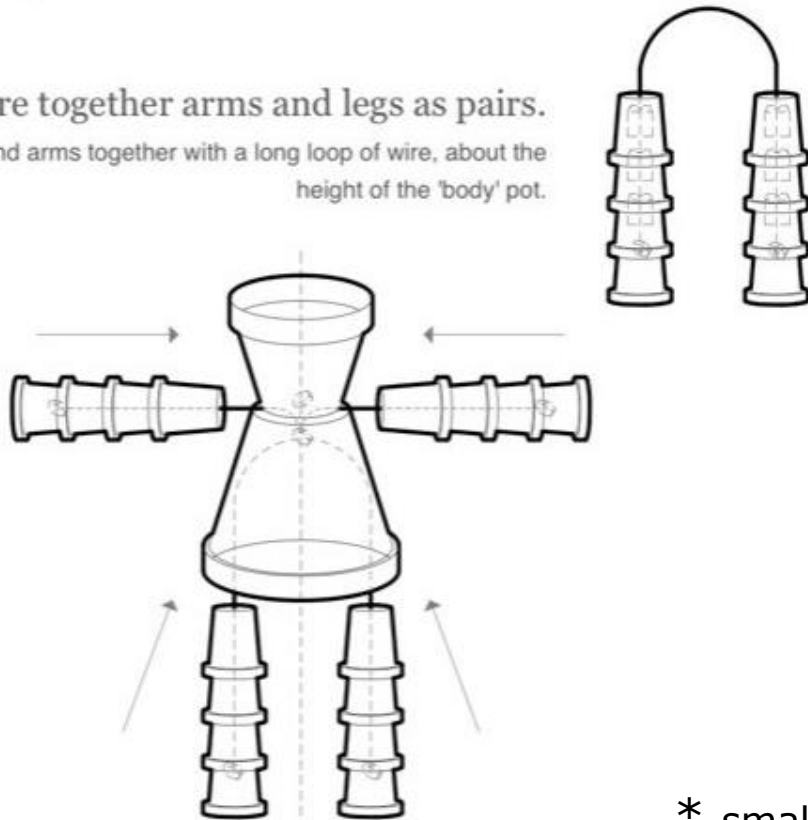


Make arms & legs from small pots.

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.

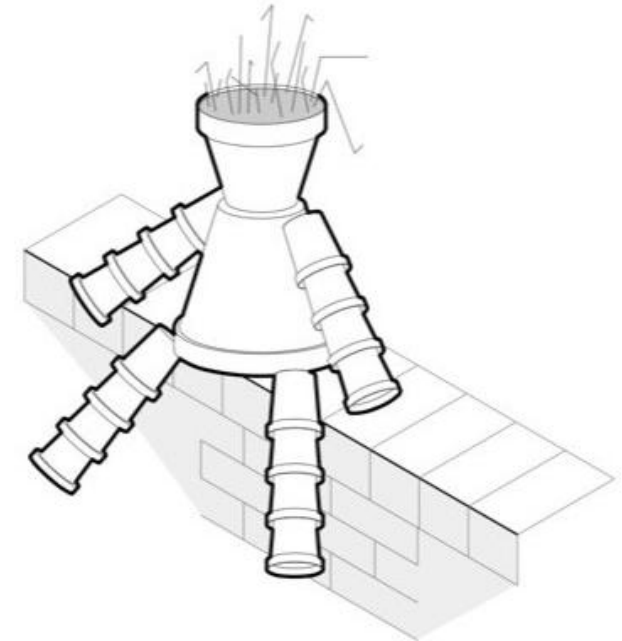
Connect the wire loops, using small lengths of wire, wrapped tightly around the wire connecting the head and body.

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

3.



4.



- Bottom weighed down with bricks

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall!

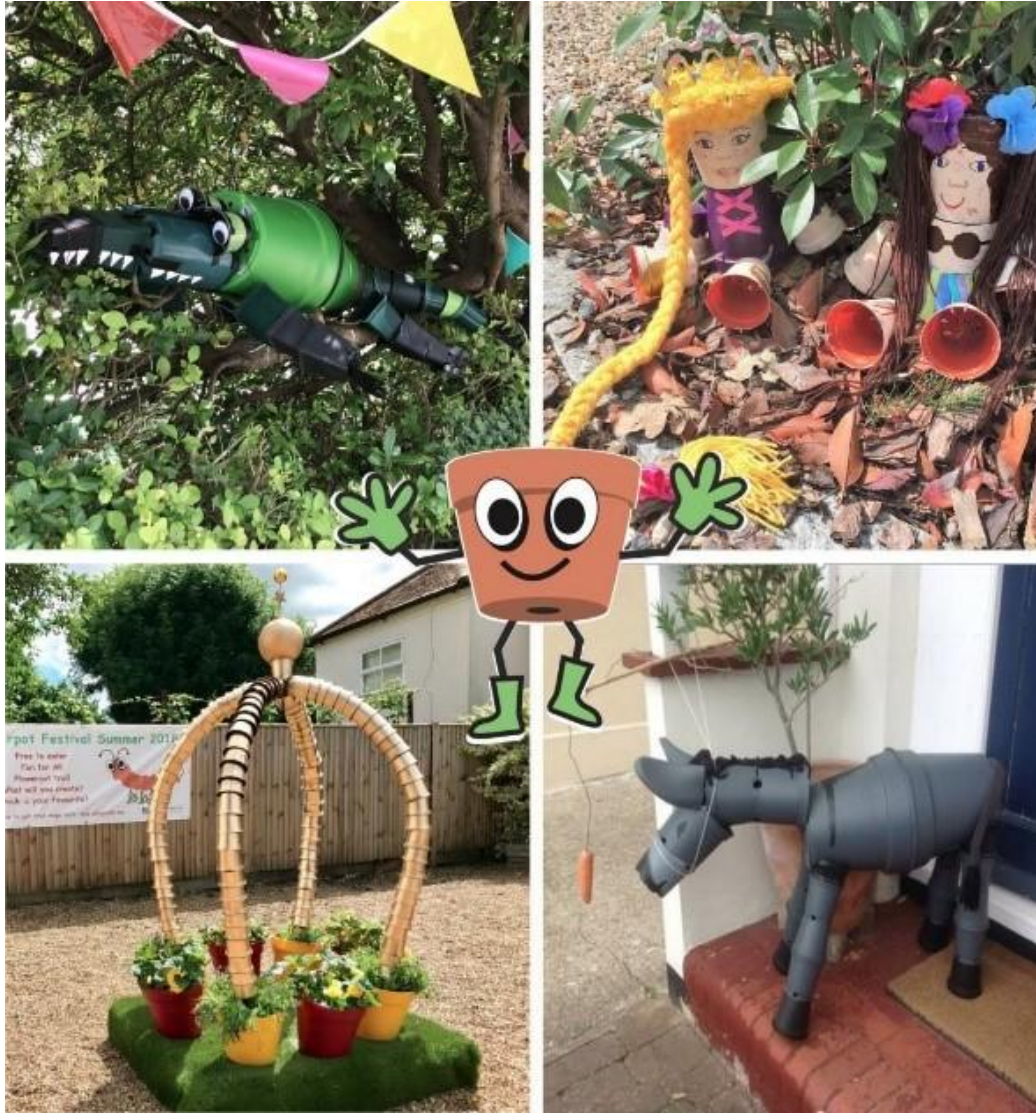
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- Arms attached in a similar way to the legs
- Then top and bottom joined together and decorated



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



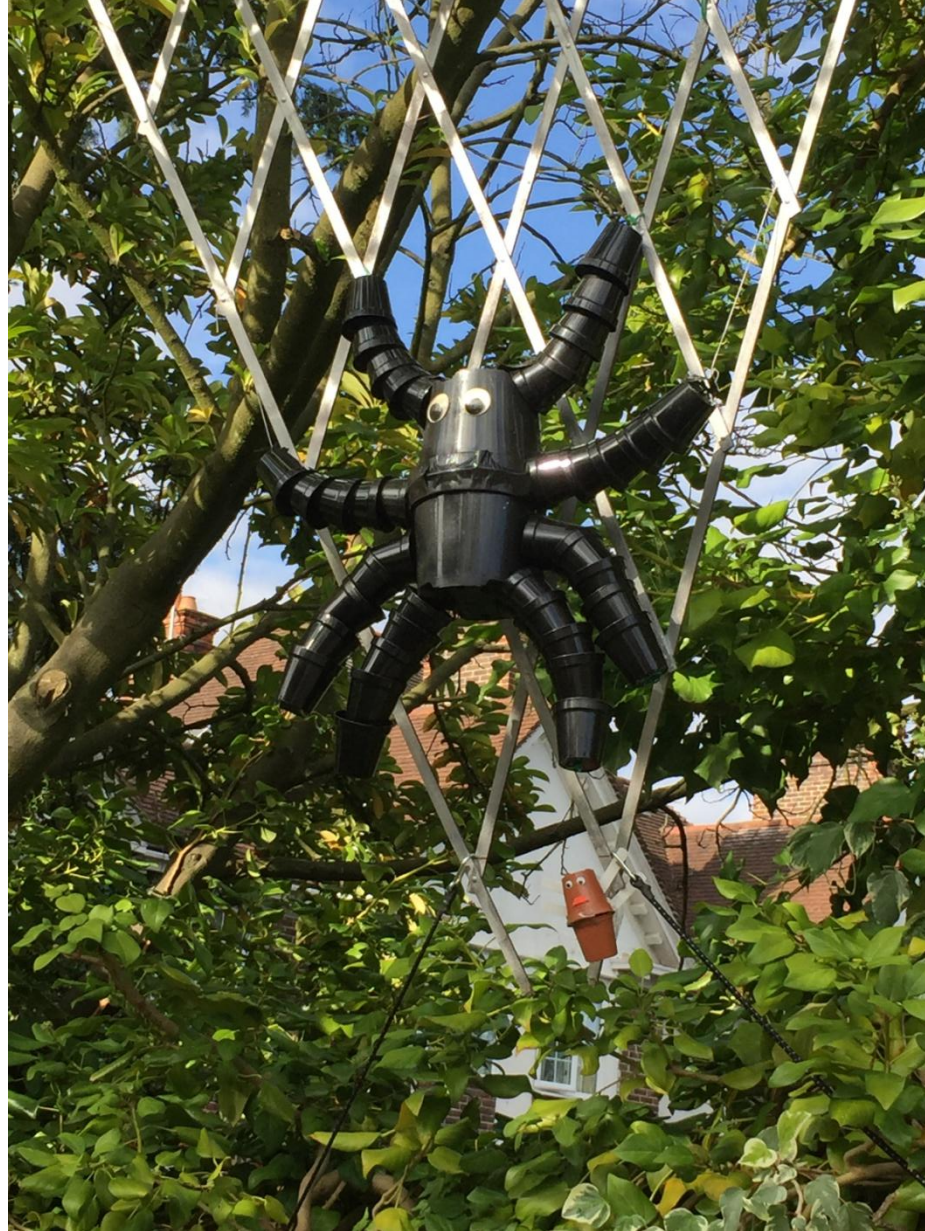
The Horsell Martian!



Some more...



Horsell Flowerpot Festival 2021



In 2022 why not make a Jubilee-themed flowerpot creation?



What are you going to create?



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