

Painted Flower Pots

Materials Needed

1. Terracotta flower pot and base (your choice for size)
2. Paints (metallic acrylics give the best finish, but any ready mix paints will do)
3. paint brushes
4. gems or buttons (not necessary used as added extra's)
5. glue

This project is a fun task for children of a variety of ages, whilst younger children can experiment with the colour of paints by mixing colours randomly (which is what 2 and 3 year olds like to do) older children can take their time and be as detailed as they like. They can plan their art work on paper first really thinking and planning what they are going to do.

Whilst the pot is drying the children can add all sorts of things to the pot to enhance its look but also to extend the activity, like gems or buttons.

When the flower pot is finished we like to find interesting shaped branches on a woodland walk and stuff the flower pot, mainly with news paper around the branches so they stay up right. We then add a top layer of coloured tissue paper so as not to see the news paper underneath. I then use it as a celebration tree, at Easter I hang little coloured eggs from the tree and put in the window of my lounge. After Easter it would be lovely to extend this art project by choosing a beautiful plant or flower to put into the pot and encourage your child to care for the plant.

Top Tip

If you have used ready mix paints you can paint a coat of PVA glue which will give a vanished finish to the pot.

Don't forget to have lots of fun and encourage your children to be creative without interfering too much this is how they improve.

