

Water Bottle Flowers

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Skill Level: Hard

Total Time: 45 + minutes

Materials:

- Old plastic water bottles
- Permanent markers in various colors
- Colored craft wire
- Barrette-back to make hair accessory (Optional)
- Silk-cording to make necklace(Optional)
- Pin back finding to make flower pin (Optional)
- Scissors
- Needle nose pliers and wire cutters if making flower stems
- Glue gun
- Serrated knife

Instructions:

1. Have an Adult help by using a serrated knife to cut off the bottom of the empty, clean water bottle. (Be careful not to cut into the flower design).
2. Trim off excess plastic and refine your flower. Do not cut apart petals until after you color your flower.
3. Color your flower with permanent markers. Color both the front and back of the flower to make a more even design.
4. Now you can cut your petals apart and round the edges of each leaf. You can also cut out leaves from the extra plastic and color them.
5. To make the Necklace: Punch a hole in the top of the flower between petals and add a circular jump ring to thread the silk-cording through. You can thread the silk-cord through the hole without a jump ring, just tie a knot at the bottom of the cord near the flower so that the flower will face forward.
6. To make the Flower stem: Cut the flower petals apart to the center of the flower. Twist three 12" pieces of green wire together to make a stem. Use pliers to twist wire. Glue flower and leaves to stem with glue gun.

7. To make a Barrett or pin: Glue flower to top of barrette with glue gun. Glue flower to pin back with glue gun

