

How to make a flower garland from old plastic bags

The Eco Drag Challenge



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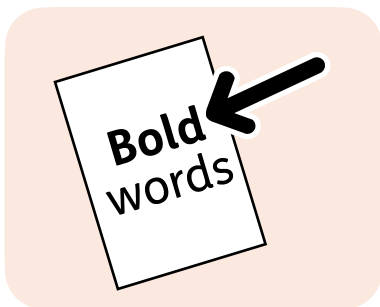
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This is an Easy Read version of some hard information. It may not include all of the information but will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read information uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a bold word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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Introduction



Craftspace has a new project called the Eco Drag Challenge.



This project is all about creating things that are also good for the environment.



Kitt from Craftspace wants to show you how to make a flower garland from old plastic bags and wrappers.



Using plastic bags and wrappers in this way is good for the environment - it is better than throwing them away.



Kitt likes to dress in **drag**. **Drag** is dressing in clothes that are usually different to your own gender.



You can use the flower garland you make to create a drag outfit for yourself!

Good for the planet



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Eco drag challenge

Eco means good for the planet.



We are calling this project the Eco Drag Challenge.

What you need



Plastic bags

Use plastic bags that you can't use to carry things anymore.



It is fine if the plastic bag has holes in it, or broken handles.



Wrappers

You could use crisp packets or other wrappers.



Clean them first.



The shiny silver side of the wrapper will make your garland look lovely and glittery.

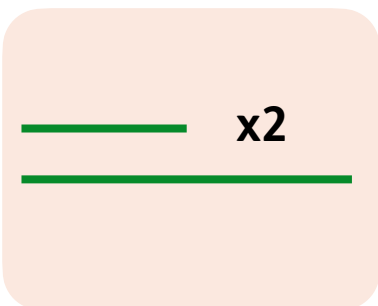
Garden wire



Use the wire that people use in the garden to tie up plants.

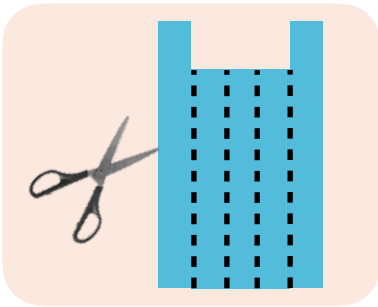


You can also use jewellery wire or pipe cleaners. You can get these from a craft shop.



You need a piece of wire that is twice as long as the garland that you want to make.

What to do



1. Cut some rectangle strips from your plastic bags or wrappers.



2. You need between 4 and 8 of these rectangle strips.



3. Put these rectangle strips longways in a neat pile on a table top.



4. Grab the end of all the strips in your hand and fold them over a short way from the end of the pile.



5. Then fold it again - this time fold them under. So it looks like a zig-zag or a fan.



6. Keep doing this until you have folded the whole pile up into a small stack.



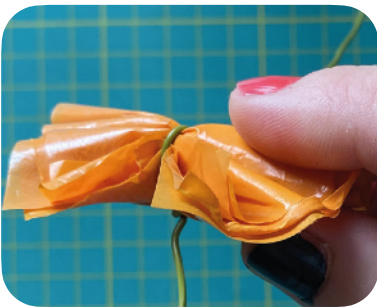
7. Now take the wire and loop it around the middle of the stack.

8. Leave at least 2 inches of wire sticking out. You will need the rest of the wire for other flowers.

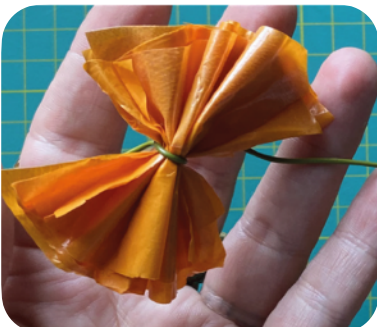


9. Pull the wire tightly around the middle of the stack.

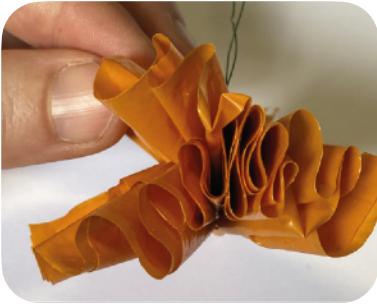
10. Twist the wire together.



11. Spread out the layers of plastic so it looks like a 'bow tie'.



12. Hold the 'bow tie' steady by holding the wire. Pull the top sheet of plastic on 1 side so that it separates from the other sheets.



13. Pull out each plastic sheet on both sides so they separate from each other.



14. You should now have a flower that looks like a carnation.



15. Add another stack of plastic sheets to your wire about 2 inches from the first flower. Make it into your second flower.



16. Keep adding more flowers until you have run out of wire.

Create a character



To go with your new drag outfit you could come up with a **character**.

A **character** is when you dress up to be a different person.



You can be creative and use drag to dress up as anyone you want.



Think about who your drag character might be.



You can think about:

- What they are like.



- What they are interested in.



- What they like to wear.



- What they carry.



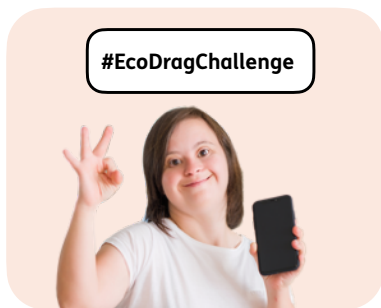
Think about decorating your crutch, wheelchair or walking stick.

Sharing on social media

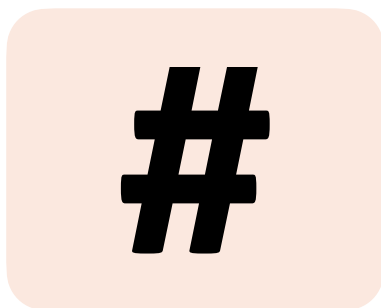


Please share pictures of your flower garlands on **social media**.

Social media is websites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.



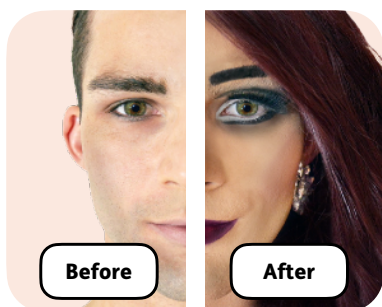
When you share your photo on social media, use the **hashtag** #EcoDragChallenge



A **hashtag** is this symbol #.

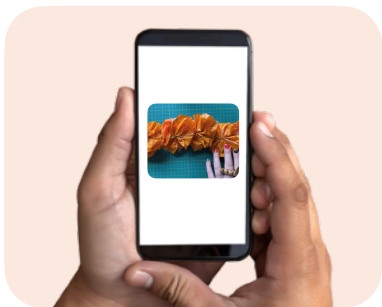


If you search for #EcoDragChallenge you will find pictures of the flower garlands that other people have made.



We want you to share photos of yourself:

- Before you are dressed up as your new drag character.
- After you have dressed up.



You can share photos and videos of what you have made.



You can also share your pictures on Instagram @craftspace_

On our website



If you would like us to share what you have made on our website, please email us at:

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Use the heading #EcodragChallenge.

For more information



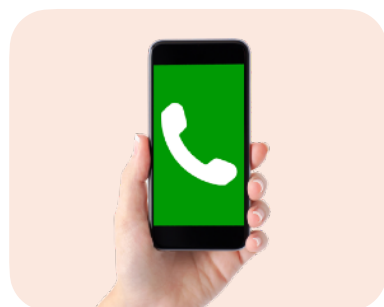
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