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find and seek

Have you ever wandered along a beach, through a forest, a farm or open paddock or maybe even around your own backyard, and noticed how many different colours and textures there are in everything you see? Some of the greatest modern artists use materials that we might think of as rubbish to make artworks. You'll find amazing stuff washed up on the beach, especially after storms, but you could collect a whole range of different objects almost anywhere and create your very own work of art. What about old cans and bottles, or even thongs, like in this Thong Bottle made by John Dahlsen!



Next time you go for a walk, see what you can collect that you can use to make art.

Photo: 'Absolut Dahlsen' by John Dahlsen, recycled thongs, metal and fibreglass, 4.2 m high x 1.5 m wide, 2004

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colour-in your garden



vege patch

herb garden

It doesn't matter how little open space you have at home, with the right care just about anything can thrive in pots and other containers. You might like to grow some flowers to brighten things up – sunflowers look wonderful and are easy to grow – or you might like a cactus garden that needs little water. Make signs for your plants and herbs using old iceblock sticks and paint them bright colours. Native plants are good for attracting birds and if you have enough space you can put in a bird bath or possum box. Another way to decorate a garden is to paint rocks and pebbles. If you enjoy a boiled egg for breakfast, don't throw the water down the sink. It's high in calcium, so give it to your plants (when it's cooled down!).



Decorate your dinner table with things you have grown in your garden.

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