

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FEATURE ACTIVITY

POTTED PLANTS

It's too early to start planting outside yet, but for those that just can't wait to see flowers again, this month's craft can help satisfy your gardening appetite. Just follow these simple directions to make your own potted plants that will bloom on your windowsill all winter long!

SUPPLY LIST:

- Pipe Cleaners
- Ribbon
- Beads (or rice)
- Scissors
- Adhesive Tape
- Aluminum Pie Plate
(muffin tins also work)



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use 2-3 pipe cleaners to create the stem of the flower (green is most realistic, but you can also be creative!). Twist pipe cleaners together so the stem has more strength.
2. Curl the bottom of the pipe cleaner stem so that the stem will stand up on its own.
3. Take a pipe cleaner and wrap it around your finger until you have several small circles, then attach it to the top of the stem, using the top of stem to twist it on.
4. Cut ribbon (30cm or more); tie it to the top of the stem in a bow. Then use scissors to curl the ribbon.
5. Place flowers into tin bowl, taping stems to bottom if necessary. Fill container with beads and you have your potted plants!



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