

SPRING FLOWERPOTS

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These cute flowerpots are an ideal spring activity for younger children and make super Easter decorations.

THE DAISY POT STORE CUPBOARD

- Clay plant pot, 5cm diameter
- Red & green acrylic paint
- Scraps of green & blue card
- Lolly stick
- Air-drying modelling clay
- Yellow pompom, 2cm diameter
- Green felt-tip pen
- Lilac bow, 5mm
- Gel glue
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tracing paper

■ 1 Using the templates, cut out the daisy template from thin blue card and glue to the back of a lolly stick.

■ 2 Take a handful of the air-drying clay

HINTS & TIPS

- You could use red modelling dough or Plasticine if you do not have any air-drying clay.
- Use green lolly sticks for the stems to save painting plain sticks.

and knead for a few minutes until soft. Push the clay into the plant pot until it is full, and smooth out any wrinkles. Take

Did you know?

- Daisies are believed to be over 400 years old and have long been associated with the beginning of spring. The daisy is often referred to as 'Days Eyes', indicating the way in which the flower petals open and close with the sun. In French, the word 'daisy' means 'Marguerite', which is derived from the Greek word meaning 'pearl'.
- Tulips originate back to 1000AD and were first discovered in Turkey. During the 17th century, the tulip began to gain popularity as a spring flower and for medicinal purposes. Today, the Netherlands is famous for producing tulips, hence the flowers are often referred to as 'Dutch tulips'.
- There are many different varieties of daffodil but most have white or yellow petals and an orange or white centre. Their botanical name is 'Narcissus' which comes from a character in Greek mythology who was said to be so vain that he turned into a flower. Daffodils are the national flower of Wales.

your flower with the lolly stick stem and push it into the centre of the clay and leave to dry out

overnight. Once the clay has hardened, the flower will be secured in the pot.

■ 3 Paint the plant pot with red paint and the flower stem with green paint and leave to dry. It may take a couple of coats to get a good coverage.

■ 4 Cut out the leaf shapes from green card, adding detail to them with a green felt-tip pen. Then glue the leaves to the back of the stem, the yellow pompom into the centre of the flower and the small bow onto the front of the pot.



ALTERNATIVES
The daffodil and tulip pots are made in exactly the same way just using different flower templates.



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