



**THRIFTFEST**

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**GARDEN OF  
THE DEEP**

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*The Home Edition of*  
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## **Garden of the Deep by Diane Watson**

35 million plastic bottles are used every day in the UK. This project aims to raise awareness of the consumption of single use plastics by creating a 'garden of the deep'. Working together with schools, charities and community groups, the project proposes to make 3500 plastic flowers created from the bottles and debris found on the beach. Each flower will represent 10,000 bottles to provide a scale relating to the 35 million used daily. The garden will take the form of an installation to visualise and emphasise issues of single use plastic in a time of environmental chaos. Reducing our consumption and raising awareness is the only way to effect change.

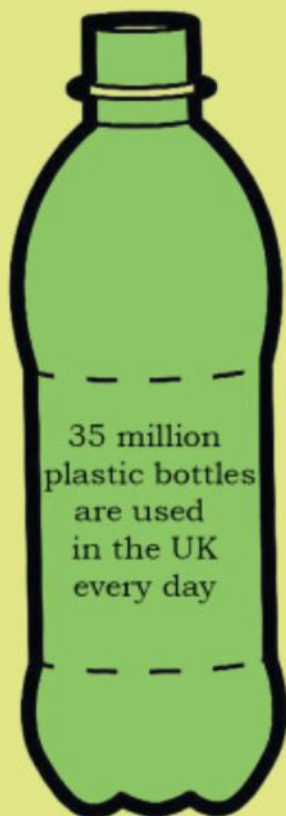
Create your own Plastic Bottle Flower, using the instructions overleaf. Why not plant your own Garden of the Deep as part of Thrifting Your Place?

Here are some pictures of flowers that Diane has already made for the project that you could use as inspiration.



Remember to send your photos to us on social media using the hashtags #thriffest #upcycled on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

# RECYCLE A PLASTIC BOTTLE INTO A FLOWER



1. Find one large plastic bottle. Wash, then cut the bottle's middle section out. The middle section could be used to add details later.

2. Cut petal shapes into the edges of the bottle halves.

3. Paint the bottle to look like petals, imagining how the sections will come together to look like a flower.

4. Once dry, put together to make your flower!

5. Stand back and admire your handy work!



Your flower form part of an art installation made out of 3500 plastic bottles highlighting the issue of single use plastics.