

TEXAS BLUEBONNETS

Made from recycling plastic beverage holders



**This activity is simple for all ages. (WARNING: Step 3 needs adult supervision.)
If you are a child, ask an adult for help. If you are working with children you
may want to do step 3 before you involve the children in the activity)**

SUPPLIES NEEDED

OR

THINGS YOU NEED TO GET STARTED



- Blue and white acrylic paint
- Pipe cleaners (preferably green)
- Scissors
- Ice pick (USE WITH ADULT HELP)
- Silk greenery (for leaves)

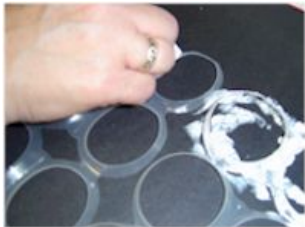


- Paper plate (for paint pallet)
- Sponge (for painting the plastic beverage holders)



- Plastic beverage holders from colas or juice

1. Sponge paint the plastic



Dip the sponge in the paint and dab the paint on the plastic ring. Paint some sets blue and some sets white. Bluebonnets are blue on the bottom and white on the top.



Be sure you have a paper blotter under the plastic when you paint them.



Cut each set in half and trim until they look like this picture. It takes at least 3 sets of 3 rings to make a nice full bluebonnet.

2. Attach the green leaves to the pipe cleaner



The greenery used in this picture were pieces from silk stems left over from a previous project. They already had holes that slipped nicely on the pipe cleaners.

**3. Use an ice pick to punch holes in the plastic
WITH THE HELP OF AN ADULT:**



4. Run the pipe cleaner through the holes punched in the plastic.



**5. Keep adding strips of plastic until you have added at least 3 strips.
String the blue strips first, then top it off by strings a set of white.**



6. Finished bluebonnet

Now you are ready to put the bluebonnet in a vase.



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