

Bottle Festoon - How to Guide

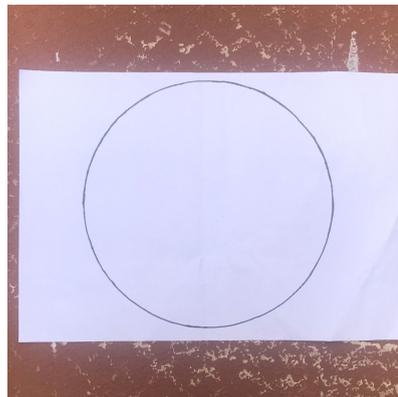
The below guide shows you how to create your own artwork, inspired by Bottle Festoon one of the artworks which will be shown as part of [Lumiere 2019](#). Bottle Festoon has been created by local school children based on an original concept 'Message in a Bottle' by artist Thadian Pilai. The free festival takes place in Durham from the 14th to 17th of November as features over 30 spectacular artworks.

Required Materials

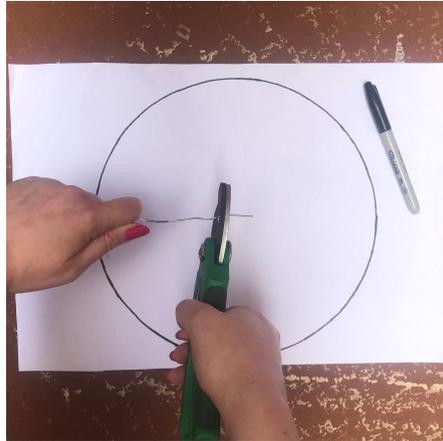
- Before you begin making your artwork you need to collect at least 10 - 30 washed bottles which will be used to create your artwork. 2 litre plastic bottles work best, however we can also use 1 litre and 500 ml bottles too. Make sure any labels are removed. (Smaller fruit and smoothie bottles, milk cartons, hard plastic bottles and household cleaning bottles don't work as well)
- Gardening gloves (to use whilst cutting the bottles)
- Scissors
- Wire (120 cm)
- Pliers
- Sharpies, pens, glue glitter and any other items you want to decorate your artwork with

Required Steps

- 1) Draw a circle onto A3 paper roughly 28cm in diameter. You can draw around an average dinner plate as a guide!



- 2) Cut the 120 cm of wire using pliers. Bend the wire to the size of the circle, this will be the frame.



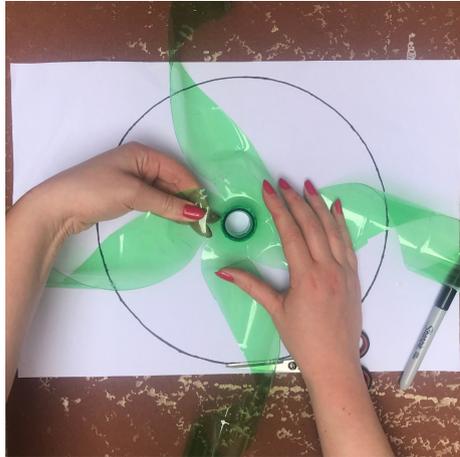
- 3) Make a hole 2cm from the bottom of the bottle and cut it off using either sharp scissors or a scalpel, remove bottle cap.



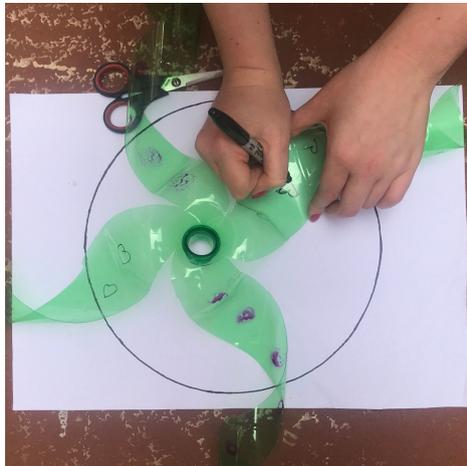
- 4) Starting from the bottom of the bottle, cut with scissors spiralling up to the nozzle. Then repeat the process on the other side, then repeat again in the middle of both strips. Cut the bottle into as many strips as you can, four is normally a good number.



- 5) Next we need to take the nozzle of the bottle and turn it upside down and bend the plastic strips to face downwards.



- 6) You can now use colourful sharpies to decorate patterns on to the plastic.



- 7) Add the bottles onto the wire nozzle to nozzle.



8) Once full tie the wire together, make sure it is secure.



9) You can now either hang up your artwork or place it over a light bulb for full effect. Once you have finished with it your artwork can then be recycled.

