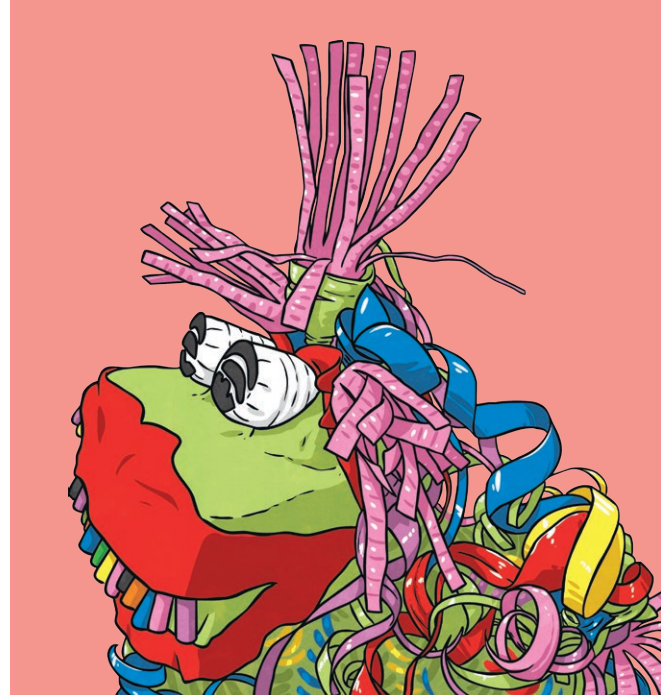


Recycled Water Bottle Dragons

You will need:

empty plastic bottles
 diluted acrylic paint
 glitter
 scissors
 roll of chicken wire
 cardboard
 collage materials
 2 ping pong balls
 2 paper cups
 old felt tip lids



Instructions

1. Collect a substantial amount of empty water bottles.
2. Pour diluted acrylic paint into the bottles. Choose one colour per bottle. Glitter and flakes can also be put inside, if required.
3. Put the lid on and shake the paint inside to cover the bottle.
4. Empty the paint out, leave the lid off and leave to dry.



5. Carefully cut the bottle from the bottom in a spiral motion. Beware of the sharp plastic edges. Leave the bottle neck intact for attaching.
6. Roll the chicken wire into a cylindrical shape.
7. Attach the bottles through the wire or thread string through the neck and tie onto the chicken wire.
8. For the dragon head, make a large cardboard face and collage to make the eyes and mouth. The eyes could be ping pong balls inside polystyrene cups. For the teeth, use old felt tip pen lids.

To make the tissue paper version of the water bottle dragons, instead of using paint, glue tissue paper around the bottles. Leave the ends longer, and twist into a tail or tassel-like shape. The bottles do not need cutting into spirals with this technique.