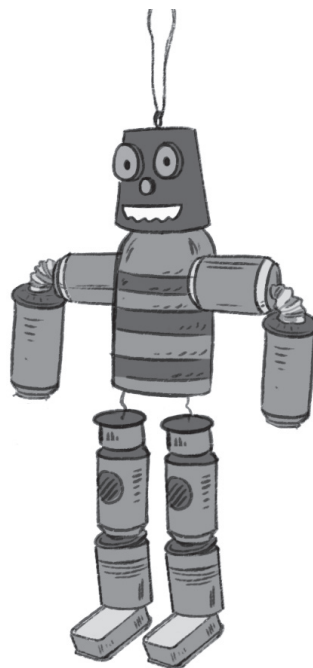


# Garden Buddy

Plunder your recycling bin to create a wacky figure that will keep you company and help keep birds away from your plants. Form his body from tin cans and lids, then add detail using plastic, card or foil. When he's done, hang him from a tree or tie him to a stake in the ground. Start by laying out all your junk and planning where each bit will go.



This takes  
**1 day**

## You will need:

- Collection of junk
- Wire from a coat hanger
- Garden wire
- Scissors

- 1. Gather all your cans** and ask an adult to make a hole in the base of each one by twisting in the point of one scissor blade until it punches through.
- 2. For the arms and legs**, make a loop in one end of a length of garden wire and twist to secure. Thread the wire through one can, and leave the other end loose to connect to the body.
- 3. To attach the next can**, loop a new piece of wire through the first loop before twisting to secure. Then thread this through the next can and make a loop at the other end.
- 4. For the body**, make holes in opposite sides of a plastic bottle near the bottom. Insert a length of coat hanger wire through them, looping to secure at each end. The legs will hang from this.
- 5. For the figure's head**, use a plastic flowerpot, then glue on bottle caps for the eyes and nose. A strip of foil will make nice shiny teeth.



**TOP TIP:** CDs make shimmering reflections that will discourage hungry birds, so tuck a few of them inside your figure's body.

Name: ..... Class: ..... Date: .....

**1** How long will it take to make a garden buddy?  
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**2** Read the “**You will need**” section. Which of these things do you need to make the garden buddy? Tick **two**.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> recycling bin | <input type="checkbox"/> garden wire       | <input type="checkbox"/> wire coat hanger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tin cans      | <input type="checkbox"/> plastic flowerpot |   |

**3** Where do you put the garden buddy when he is ready?  
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**4** Read the paragraph that starts “*Plunder your recycling bin ...*”  
 Write down **three** things that you need to make the garden buddy.  
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**5** Why do you think these instructions are numbered?  
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**6** What can be used in the garden buddy’s body to scare hungry birds away?  
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**7** In Step 1, what do you think this symbol means?



**8** “*Start by laying out all your junk and planning where each bit will go.*”  
 How do you think this will help you to make the garden buddy?  
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**9** What does Step 5 tell you to make?  
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**10** What would you use a garden buddy for?  
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