Make Your Own Bottle Greenhouse!

Plants that cannot grow in cold weather and need regulated temperatures are grown in greenhouses. A greenhouse has transparent walls and a roof.

*How does a greenhouse work?* Light from the sun passes through the glass. Everything in the greenhouse, the plants, floor and other structures, absorbs that light and becomes warmer. In turn, the objects give off warm air that rises and heats the greenhouse.

You can start to grow plants in your own home, even when the temperatures are still cold outside. Follow the instructions below to create your own small greenhouse from a recycled bottle!

**What you need:**

- Empty, 2-liter plastic bottle – keep the cap!
- Scissors
- Potting soil
- Seeds (you can use any vegetable, fruit or flower seeds.)
- Small plate to put mini greenhouse on

**How-to:**

1. Wash out your plastic bottle and remove any labels.
2. Cut the bottle in half using a scissors.
3. Poke a few small holes in the bottom of the bottle for water drainage.
4. Fill the container with soil.
5. Plant the seeds only an inch or so deep.
6. Water the seeds a small amount.
7. Finally, place the top of the bottle over the bottom half of the bottle. It should fit securely.
8. Place the container on a plate and put it in a sunny spot. Your seeds should sprout in 2-5 days!

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