



# TRASH TALK

WITH *Tiffany Pratt*

How to make a

## DIY Hanging Planter



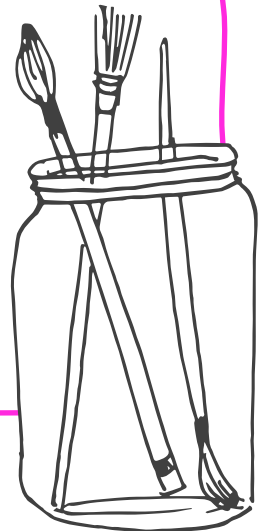
Get your green thumb ready as host Tiffany Pratt teaches you how to create a DIY Hanging Planter out of simple household goods.

In just a few steps, Tiffany will show you how to take ordinary recyclables and turn them into a beautiful hanging garden.

**Let's get started.**

### What you will need:

- Paint & primer spraypaint
- Coloured cording
- A straight edge
- Wax boxes (milk boxes, broth boxes, etc.)
- Paint brushes
- Outdoor paint
- Gardening soil
- Seeds or seedlings for your new planter



Any object can be turned into something amazing, and any person can be the one who brings out that amazing.

— Tiffany Pratt

## Step 1: Set up your work station

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### Side Note:

One of the best things you can do to reduce your footprint is to learn when to use your blue, green and black bins.

For example, plastic lined disposable coffee cups should end up in the black bin, even though they look recyclable.

You're ready to recycle, let's make it count!

Once you've gathered your materials, it's time to set up your work station. Begin by covering your table with newspaper to protect the surface from damages.

Next, gather the materials you will need to build your planter, like the wax boxes you've selected and any additional items to decorate with. Keep the common tools like the straight edge and paint close so you can access them easily throughout the steps.

## Step 2: Prepare your wax boxes



Once you've found the wax boxes you'll be using, you are going to want to rinse and clean them out so that any food residue is washed away. Once your boxes are clean, you'll start your transformation by pulling the corners away from the sides of the box. These little wings are going to be the perfect place to hang your planter from.

## FUN FACT

Lint rollers are an easy, effective way to pick up glitter.

Even though you'll still end up cleaning sparkles out of your pockets for months.

### Step 3: Cut your planter boxes

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Next, you're going to take your straight edge and cut a rectangle out of the front of your box to make the top of the planter. You'll want to leave a small border between the rectangle you cut and the edge of the box so that the soil doesn't spill out.

**Tiffany recommends** 

Once you have the hole cut into the front, grab a cloth and make sure the interior of your box is completely dry.



**Hot tip from Tiff:**

You can make your planter out of just one box, or you can string multiple together. Make it as big as you want for your space.

### Step 4: Create drainage for your box



In order to create a healthy growing environment for your new little seedlings, you'll need to give the water you feed to them a place to go. Take your straight edge and poke 4-6 small holes in the bottom of your planter.

You can be inspired by everything, big and small. Let the little things in your life become your creative inspiration.

— Tiffany Pratt





**Save** your jam jars, wax boxes and other receptacles. You never know when you'll need an extra container or an impromptu flower pot.

**Save** your paper grocery and delivery bags. It's always good to have some extra craft paper around for wrapping paper or some papier-mâché.

## Step 5: Make room for your cords



Take the wings on the side of the box that you pulled out earlier and cut small holes through them with your straight edge. Once you have holes in all four sides, you'll be ready to paint and assemble your planter.

### Tiffany recommends

Take your time with this step. You're using sharp objects and the last thing you'll want is to poke yourself accidentally.

## FUN FACT

**You can make a spraypaint booth out of a cardboard box.**

It's still best to spraypaint outside to get the most ventilation, but this will stop you from getting paint all over your front steps.

## Step 6: Say it with spray paint



Now that your box is ready to go, take it outside and coat it with your spray paint primer. You can choose any colour you want, but a white primer will give you a clean canvas to work from.



**Side Note:**

Good crafting rope is hard to come by in the wild. If you have an old camping set or good shoelaces on some boots that are headed to lace-up heaven, don't forget to rescue the healthy strings for projects like this.

## Step 7: String it all together

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Now that you have the messy part done, it's time for assembly. Take a crochet needle or the end of a small paint brush to help push your cords through the edges of your box.

Once you've fed your cords through every corner, pull the strings tight so there's a little bit of tension. Holding the top of your cords, make a knot at the height you'd like your planter to hang at. You can trim the cords above the knot to keep it looking sharp.

## Step 5: Time to decorate



You can use decorations to your hearts content, but make sure you are picking materials that will hold up to the outdoor elements. Outdoor paint is an easy and durable way to bring colour and life to your planter.





Your old collection of plastic straws should go to good use!

Even though its a faux-pas to use them for disposable drinks, that doesn't mean you can't turn them into something spectacular at home.

## FUN FACT

You can get rid of pesky hot glue strands with a hair dryer.

It's an easy way to keep your crafts looking tip-top.

## Step 8: Think outside of the box



### Tiffany recommends

Add colourful straws! To keep the box strong while storing items, glue plastic straws down on each corner of the box. Tiffany says, it not only makes it strong, but it looks really pretty, too.

## Step 9: Get dirty!



Remember when I said the messy part was done? I lied. Now that you have your planter finished, you can get to the real fun part. Fill your box up halfway with soil, and take whatever flower, seedling or herb you want and nestle it into its new home, and tada! Your DIY Planter is complete.

**Voilà!**



You can change your whole worldview by changing your surroundings, one bit at a time.

— Tiffany Pratt

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## This is how Tiffany Pratt makes a hanging planter!

With a little bit of creativity and some polka dots — you can turn any old recycling into a beautiful garden.

Tiffany loves things like this because she likes keeping things green, which is made easier with the help of GarbageDay.

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Tiffany is a big fan of the “[Which Bin](#)” feature on the mobile app (available if you live in Toronto). It's essential for her because it tells users which item belongs to its proper bin. It's a total game-changer for those who have no idea where certain items belong.



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