

## Surprise Bottle Bank

### check list:

1. 2 tall empty plastic bottles (identical)
2. pushpin
3. scissors
4. construction paper
5. pencil
6. cardboard
7. markers (different colours)
8. paint and paintbrush
9. pennies

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Find two tall empty plastic bottles with caps. The bottles should be identical and have smooth sides.

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You may need a grown-up's help for this step. Use a pushpin to make a few holes side by side near the top of one of the bottles. This will make it easier to slide in the scissors.

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Slide the scissors into the holes you made with the pushpin, and cut around the top of the bottle—the goal is to cut off the top of the bottle.

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Cut off the bottom of the bottle using the same technique as in Steps 2 and 3.

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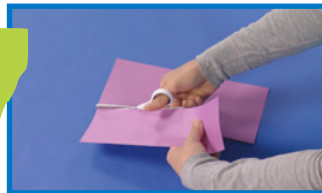
After cutting off the top and bottom of the bottle, you are left with a tube. Cut straight down the length of the tube. This will be the cover for the surprise bottle bank.

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It's time to decorate! Flatten out the cover on top of a piece of construction paper. Trace along only the long end of the cover with a pencil.

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Cut along the one line that you traced—all the way to the end of the paper.

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Roll the cut-out paper around the cover.

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Slide the cover and paper over top of the other bottle until it fits nicely around the bottle's middle.

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Tape the cover into place with clear tape. Don't tape the cover too tightly. The cover should easily slide over the bottle.

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Remove the cover: Measure out the width of one finger from the line at the bottom of the bottle. Use a marker to make two marks, one near the top of your finger and one near the bottom of your finger.

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Now measure two fingers' width from the top of the bottle where it starts to curve. Make two marks, one near the top and bottom of your finger.

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Make sure the space between each set of marks is shorter than the length of the cover. Place the cover below the marks to measure.

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Connect the four dots on the bottle with a marker. It's a rectangle window! Cut out the rectangle.

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The next step is to create a floor and ceiling for inside the bottle. Take the bottom of the bottle that you had cut out and place it on a piece of cardboard. Trace around the bottle bottom with a pencil. Repeat to make another circle.

### 16



Cut out both round pieces of cardboard, then paint them on both sides.

### 17



Fill the bottom of the bottle with pennies. Flatten the pennies with your fingers, then insert one of the cardboard circles into the bottle over the pennies. Tape the cardboard to the sides of the bottle. Make sure to tape all the way around so it's secure.

**Tip:** The top of the pennies should not go over the bottom of the bottle's window.

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Tip the bottle to make sure the pennies won't fall out.

### 19



Add pennies to the top of the bottle. The pennies should be just under the window's edge. Place the second cardboard circle inside the bottle and tape it to the bottle's sides.

**Tip:** Don't add too many pennies as you want to leave room to add more!



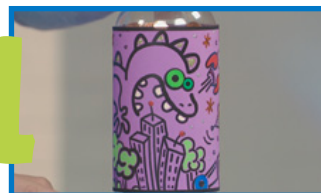
Here is an example of what the bank should look like so far.

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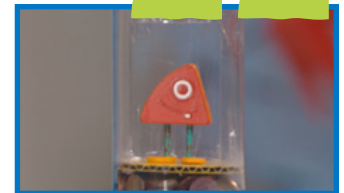
Slide the coloured cover over the bottle. The bottle looks completely full of pennies! Now cut a slit at the top of the bottle so you can add more pennies.

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Decorate your bottle bank any way you want.

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Put a surprise inside the bottle. If someone adds a penny to your bank, lift the cover and show them the surprise!

### What will you put inside your surprise bottle bank?

Upload pictures of what YOU make at [cbc.ca/kids/games/artzooka](http://cbc.ca/kids/games/artzooka)