



Easter Baskets

A great introduction to using natural materials to create something special for your home or garden.

You will need

A disc of wood, a drill, some freshly cut rods of willow and some secateurs

Top Tip: You could use your basket to plant some Easter flowers in or to collect your Easter eggs on an Easter egg hunt!



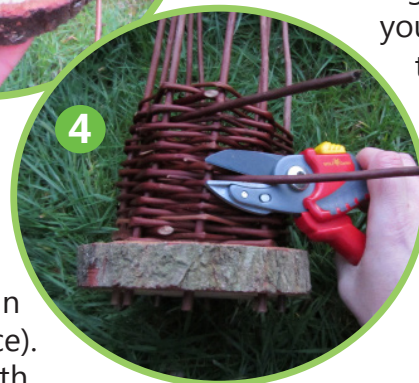
1 Ask an adult to drill an odd number of holes around the edge of your wood disc. The holes should be slightly smaller than the diameter of the willow you are using.



2 Feed a single rod of willow up through each of the holes from underneath and pull as hard as you can until it is securely wedged. (If you would like a handle on your basket, bend one of the willow uprights all the way over and back down a hole on the opposite side and use an extra piece of willow to wedge it securely in place). Use the secateurs to trim off the ends underneath.



3 Start the weave the willow rods around the uprights (outside of one upright, the inside of the next, then the outside again etc). Don't worry about the ends of the willow rods sticking out around the edge, just keep adding new pieces of willow until you reach a height you like.



4 When you have finished building up the sides of your basket you can trim off the protruding ends around the side of your basket and then the uprights.