Let's Make a Garden

Materials

- An orange net or string
- Jar
- Scissors
- Scrap Cardboard
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Colouring pens

1. Cut some strips of grass out of your cardboard. Also cut out some flower stems and flower heads. You can design the flowers and make them as complicated or simple as you like. I made tulips, they are pretty easy, they look a bit like an egg shell cracked in half.

2. Use sticky tape to attach your flower heads to the stems (or glue stick will work). Attach the stems to the back of the grass.

3. Cut out some wiggly worms and add these to the front of your grass. What other bugs could you make?

4. Put your grass into your jar so it sits in the bottom. I made a few lines of grass and flowers. Some to go around the inside of the jar against the glass and then another circle that could sit inside on the base of the jar. I wanted to have layers of grass and flowers.

5. Cut a strip of crisp packet and fold it forward and back on itself like a fan, this will be your butterfly wings. Tie a bit of string around the middle to secure it. I didn't have any string so I used a bit of netting that I got with some satsumas.
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Cut out bodies for your butterflies from the cardboard. Use felt tips to decorate.

Use sticky tape to make a loop and use this to stick the body of your butterfly to its wings. Make as many butterflies as you like. 2 or 3 is probably enough to fill the jar.

Attach the butterflies to the rim of the jar using sticky tape to secure the thread. Spread the butterflies out so they are fluttering all around the garden.

Put the lid back on and enjoy your lovely new indoor outdoors!

Top tip!
You could make your miniature garden even better by...
Adding extra creatures. What can you think of? Bees, beetles, caterpillars, there are loads of options!
Adding elves and fairies. Every garden needs one!