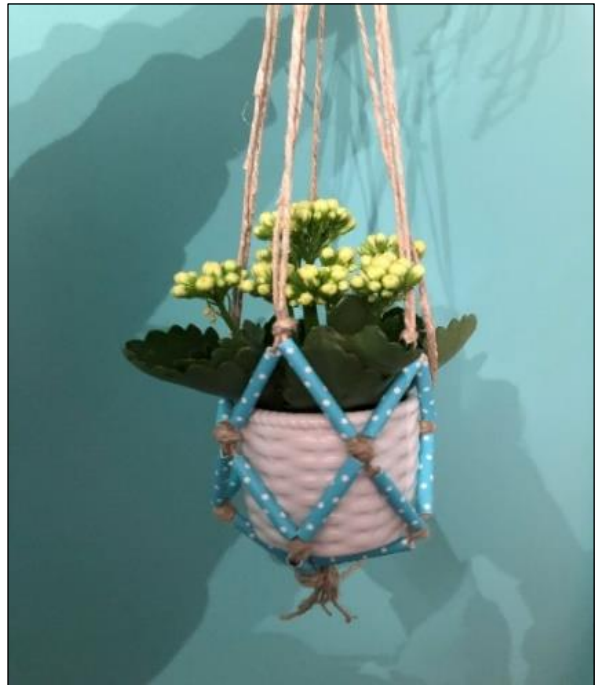# Hanging Straw Planter

Summary of Craft

This craft is designed to recycle plastic straws or tubing in your household to create pretty potted plant hangers. This is the perfect craft to add decoration around the house with the family at home.

Source: https://www.brit.co/neon-straw-hanging-planters/

Age Range: 8+

Materials:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Paper/Plastic Straws
- Seedling/Potted Plant

Background Information

Recycling or repurposing single-use plastic is a great way to keep it from entering the ocean. Plastic is not biodegradable, instead the material breaks down into tiny particles called *microplastics* (plastic fragment less than 5mm in length). Plastic is polluting oceans all over the planet, disrupting underwater ecosystems, and killing sea animals. Every day, we can challenge ourselves to minimize the waste we produce by recycling or repurposing.

How to do craft

Step 1: Cut cording into eight 3-foot pieces (adjust length if needed.). Tie together at one end, leaving small tassel on one side

Step 2: Cut 4 paper straws into 1.5-inch pieces (or size to your pot)

Step 3: Lay tied cord in a cross shape, with two cords per section (two out the top and bottom, two on either side)

Step 4: String both cords of one section through a piece of straw, then tie off at end of straw segment. Repeat on the remaining three sections

Step 5: Take a single cord from the end of a knot and string through a straw segment, repeat on the adjacent knot of the other section, then tie the two cords together at the end of the straws. Repeat for all loose strings

Step 6: Repeat previous step until the pot fits within the hanger

Step 7: Tie the cords to the hanging point, then place potted plant in the basket of the hanger

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