

# WINDOW BOX



Hello! Welcome to your Window Box kit. This week's activity has been created in association with Glasgow Open House Arts Festival 2021.

Glasgow Open House Arts Festival encourages artists to use alternative, domestic and public spaces to exhibit their art. The festival returns this year in a socially distanced format and they are putting together 'Window Art Craft' kits so that people all over Glasgow can create artworks to be viewed in their windows. We decided to create a kit that would help you make a 'window box' from card and paper! All you need in addition to what is in your pack is a cardboard box (a cereal box, egg box or shoe box would be ideal) and some scissors.

You can find out more about Glasgow Open House Arts Festival here:

[www.glasgowopenhousearts.co.uk](http://www.glasgowopenhousearts.co.uk)



# STEP BY STEP

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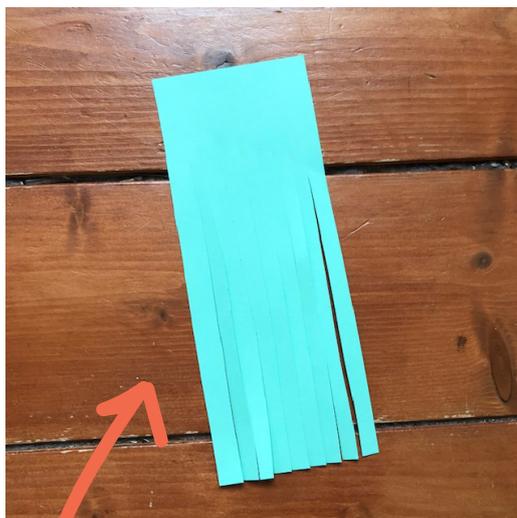
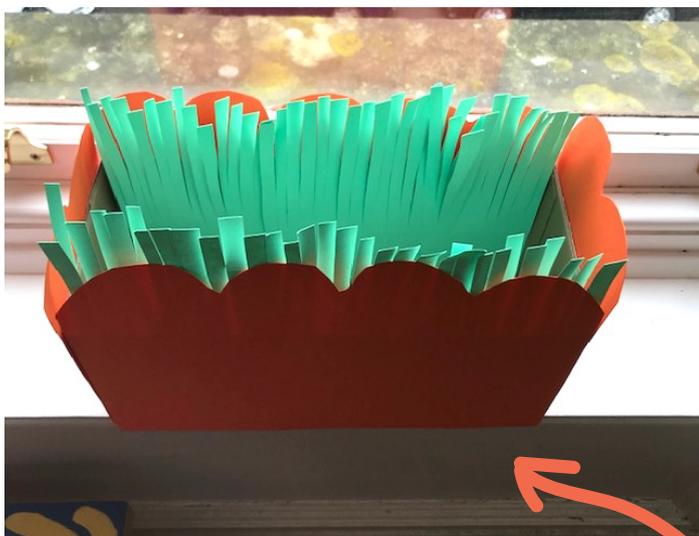
Start by cutting the lid and side tabs off your box.

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Next, cover the outside of your box with brightly coloured paper or card using glue or sellotape.

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4.



Add 'grass' to your window box by cutting strips into pieces of colour card or paper and sticking them to the inside of your box so that they stick out of the top.

Use your art straws to create stalks for your flowers (we coloured ours in with green felt tip pen).



## Here's one way to make flowers:

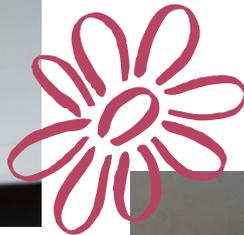
roll up tubes of green paper or card and secure in place with tape. then cut leaves out of card/paper and add them to the stalks with tape.



Next, create a smaller tube from paper of a different colour, stick it in the stop of the green tube (half in) and cut strips all around it so that you can create petals.



Create the centre of the flower by adding an even smaller tube of another colour.



Bring your design together by 'planting' your flowers in your window box. We added tissue paper inside the box which helps to keep the flowers upright.

Add decoration to the outside of your box and put it on your window sill!





If you don't have a box to use you can make a 2D version of the window box and stick it in your window- just make everything flat- use a big strip of paper or card and stick it along the bottom of your window and put your flowers behind it.

What else might you find in a window box? Could you add:

- herbs
- bugs
- birds
- a squirrel?!
- decorations
- worms?
- mushrooms
- fairies