

MAKERS MANUAL #48

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INTRODUCTION

This manual plays with two common things we have at home: an old shoe box and a houseplant. Plants are not always easy to take care of, even sometimes with a lot of patience and love, we lack a little something to make them have the life they deserve, while those old shoe boxes are sometimes still in the way even though they can help to store lots of stuff. Why not combine both to make a new beautiful green friend that doesn't need to be maintained and which you can fill with delicious goodies? Invite your friends and family to destroy the plant and get your goodies back!

STEP 1

Draw the shape of a plant with its pot on the top of the shoebox.



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STEP 2

Cut out the shape carefully by following the lines.



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STEP 3

With the marker, trace the shape you cut out on the back of the box and repeat step 2.



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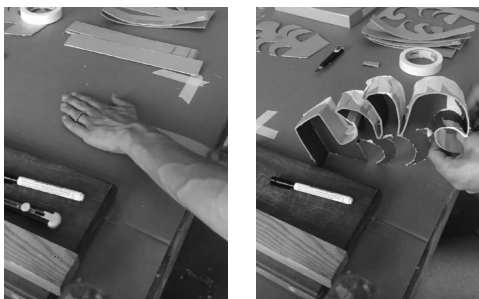
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STEP 4

Once the two sides are cut out, remove the counter form from the shoe box in order to only keep the sides of the box. Detach the four sides from each other with the cutter knife.

STEP 5

Use the metallic ruler (I use in this example a wooden beam that is around 4 cm wide) to cut the sides in equal strips of 4 cm wide. Those are going to be used to make the depth of our plant.



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STEP 6

Bend the cut out strips on the corner of your table to make them more easy to manipulate while attaching them to the plant shape.

STEP 7

With the masking tape, attach the strips to one of the cut out plant shapes. This is the longest step of the process, so be patient, it's worth it.



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STEP 8

Once the strips are attached to one side of the plant, it's time to fill your shape with anything you like that you can later on share with your friends or family! Think of snacks and goodies, but also old toys, coins, jewellery, etc. Also don't forget to leave a little note to the person that might discover one day what's inside the plant.



LIST OF THINGS

MATERIALS

- Cardboard shoe box
- Marker pen
- Small cutter knife
- Metallic ruler (between 4 and 5 cm wide)
- Masking tape
- Cutting mat
- Goodies, old toys, coins, jewellery, anything that is a bit small but that you would like to find in a piñata
- Acrylic paint
- Painting brush
- Rope

STEP 9

With masking tape, seal your plant with the other side and your shape is ready to be painted!



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BIO OF THE DESIGNER

Hugo Béhéregaray is a visual artist based in Amsterdam. His practice surfs between drawing comic books, making wearable cardboard structures and conceiving funny furniture. His aesthetic and conceptual research is based on the wish to make his drawings exist as part of a daily life reality by creating friction between the ordinary and the extraordinary.

FURTHER READING

- Friendly Good by Lily van der Stokker, 2018
- POF: Prototypes d'Objets en Fonctionnement by Fabrice Hyber, 2012
- Kidding (TV series) by Michel Gondry
- Electric Ladyland by Julien Colombier, 2020
- Jardin d'Email by Jean Dubuffet, 1974
- Exercices de style by Raymond Queneau, 1947

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STEP 10

Choose your colours to paint your houseplant and decorate your creation.



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STEP 11

Hang your creation on a piece of rope and invite your friends and family over for a party to destroy the plant and get your goodies back!



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