Upcycled Tulips

Use recycled materials like plastic forks and cups to make these colorful potted tulips. You never have to water them and they’ll make a great gift for someone special on Mother’s Day. This is a fun project for an older child as a bit of patience is necessary to let paint and glue dry in between steps. Get creative and use materials you already have on hand.

Materials:

- newspaper or table covering
- plastic forks
- plastic cup
- acrylic paints
- paint brush
- index card (thicker paper)
- scissors
- glue
- twine
- ribbon
- jelly beans

How to:

1. Gather your materials and select a work space. Use newspaper or some sort of table covering for your workspace. Ask an adult for assistance if you need some help.

2. Paint your fork(s) on one side, let dry and paint the other side. Rinse your paint brush between colors. Paint your piece of paper (index card) for the leaves and let dry at the same time.

3. While paint is drying, decorate plastic cup or desired recyclable container. We used twine and ribbon. Glue twine around cup and let dry. Add ribbon and glue in place if needed. Note: decorate any way you like, use stickers or paint a design.

4. Once paint has dried, cut out leaf shapes and glue them to your flower. Let dry.

5. Once glue has dried nicely on your pot, add your soil. We used jelly beans. You can use actual soil or sand, pebbles or another type of candy. Just use something that will weigh down container and hold up your flowers.

6. Enjoy!

Give a special gift, 😊.