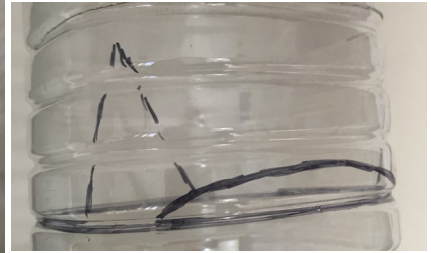


# Back to School:

## Make a recycled pen pot!

**Step 1:** Grab your bottle, the bigger the better, and trace out an animal shape using a marker pen. I went for a cat design so drew ears and a curved forehead.

**Make sure your design is big enough to hold your pens like this!**



### You will need:

- A clean plastic bottle
- A pen
- Scissors or craft knife
- Paint (acrylics work well)



**Step 2:** Using a craft knife or scissors carefully cut off the top of the bottle in a straight line.

After this, take some scissors and carefully cut out the rest of your design by following your traced line. The left-over plastic can now be recycled!

**Step 3:** Time to paint! Start by painting a thin base layer in white paint on your bottle. Once this dries you can then mix any colour of your choice and apply the next coat. (It may need two). I went for grey so that I could create a tabby cat design!

To create your own shade, mix your colour with white paint to make it lighter.



**Step 4:** Once your paint is dry you can begin adding features like eyes and stripes! I used more black, grey and white paint to illustrate this. I also added small pink details on the nose and ears as well as some whiskers to bring my cat to life!

**Tip: Adding small white dots to the eyes and nose will help enhance your design!**

**Voila! Here is your finished recycled pen pot. Perfect for your back to school supplies.**

**You could even create more and turn them into unique, recycled plant pots!**

