

intro: GARDEN WATERING JUG

For watering young nursery plants, or trays of sprouts you need a controlled delivery of water. This watering jug does the job simply, effectively, and at no cost for materials. Just find a suitable empty container and drill holes in the lid. You also need to drill an air breather hole in the handle, so air can get in to replace the water that comes out.

A bottle with holes in it is probably not a highly original idea for a watering can substitute. Still, for those who may find it useful, this is the way I make mine.



step 1: DRILL HOLES

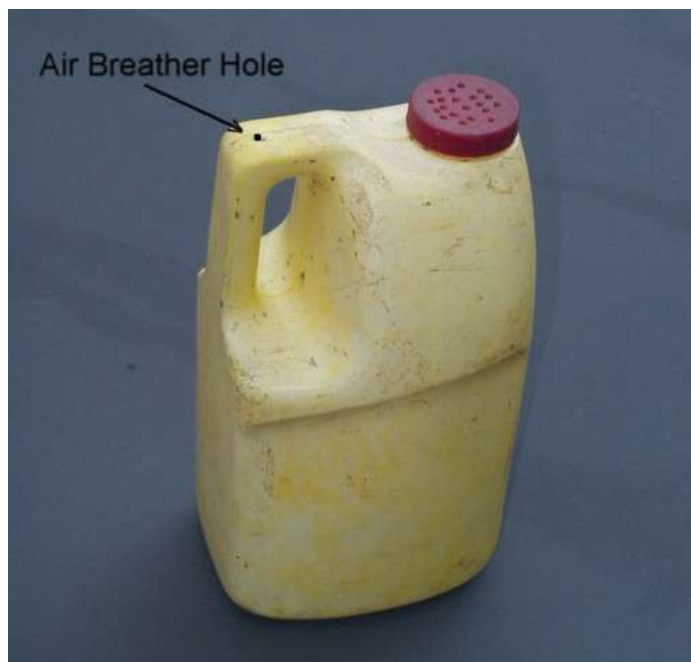
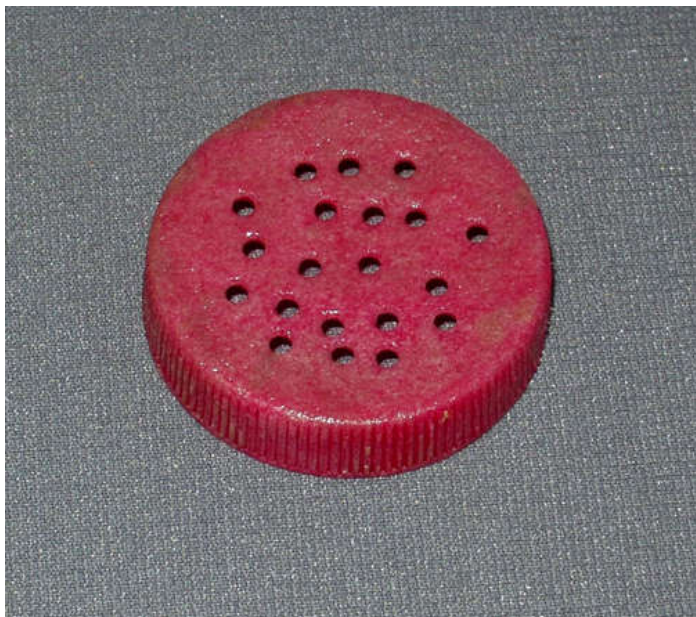
You control the way the water comes out by the number and size of holes you make in the lid. It is easy to drill holes, but you may have to remove burrs from the rim of the holes with an X-acto knife, or by other means.

As an alternative to drilling, you can heat up a nail in a flame and melt holes in the plastic. Hold the nail with pliers.

You also need to make a breather hole in the handle.

It is easier to make a too-small hole larger than to make a too-large one smaller. Also, you can always add holes. Taking them away is more difficult. Try the jug out occasionally as you go and adjust the hole size and number to suit your needs.

For larger plants and for faster water flow you might want larger holes. I also use these jugs when I work with cement, for adding small amounts of water to a bucket of cement.





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NickGriffin says:

Jul 30, 2009. 11:20 AM [REPLY](#)

Sometimes the very simple, albeit not new, trick has been lost to those who have never seen it done!

Thank you, Thinkenstein, for renewing and relaying this simple trick that I remember my parents doing themselves 50 some years ago-I hadn't thought of it in years, and it stands the test of time!

Sometimes the simple things can be the best way to get things done. Mum's trick when planting Tomatoes was a bucket of water and a coffee can with holes punched in the bottom. She dipped the can full of water, and held it over the newly planted Tomato plant to "give it a drink for the night" (we always planted in the late evening).



Thinkenstein says:

Jul 30, 2009. 1:16 PM [REPLY](#)

Thanks for the nice home garden story.



cowscankill says:

Jul 18, 2009. 7:59 AM [REPLY](#)

I did this a while ago with an orange juice container, but I didn't have anything to water it with lol.



loximuthal says:

Jul 12, 2009. 1:00 PM [REPLY](#)

Made one for the wife. She thinks it works great. On mine I just used an awl to make the holes. Didn't even bother to clean them up. Still works fine.



Thinkenstein says:

Jul 12, 2009. 3:03 PM **REPLY**

Thanks for the feedback. I'm glad the idea is getting used. I'll have to try the awl next time. I imagine you can get a delicate sprinkle that way.
