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4 Easter garden

The story at the heart of Easter is about Jesus. He preached a message of love and forgiveness, but enemies conspired for him to be crucified. Three days later, the Bible says, his friends saw him alive again.

Christians believe that Jesus' new life, his resurrection, is a promise that God's love and forgiveness is for ever.

This Easter garden is a traditional Christian craft, depicting the place where Jesus was buried and the stone door of the tomb rolled away… to reveal that it is empty.

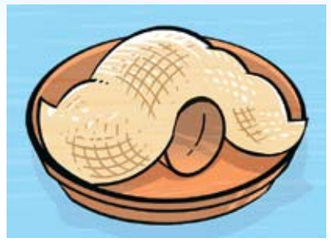
This project takes a few weeks to grow!



1 Choose a large tray for the base. A terracotta saucer for large flowerpots is suitable. Choose a small flowerpot to make the "tomb".



2 Then mix grass seed into potting compost. Make a soil bag from loose-weave fabric, garden hessian, or an old pair of tights! Add soil mix.



3 Put the bag on the tray, patting and shaping into a mound and making sure the pot "tomb" remains just visible. Find a sheltered place outdoors where your garden can grow. Water the soil, and keep it watered.



4 The grass will grow! For Easter itself, make a twig cross tied with raffia for the top. Push that into the top of your garden's green hill. Find a smooth, round stone to be the open door of the tomb.



For display on Easter Sunday, twine ivy around your garden. Push leafy twigs and blossom into the damp soil.

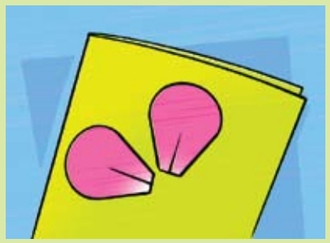
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5 Flower and butterfly card

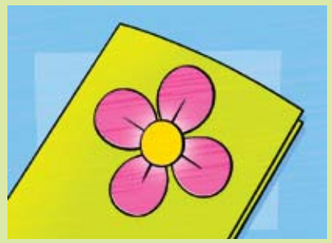
Make this 3D card for someone special this Easter. It is easiest to make your card quite big so the cut-outs aren't too fiddly. Take A4 card and fold it in half.



1 Use the templates on the back cover to cut out the butterfly and petal shapes. Cut a thin notch out of each petal, as marked. Cut a coin-sized circle of thin card for the centre.



2 Make the flower. Taking each petal in turn, overlap the two sides of the notch so the petal curls up and tape in place.



3 When all the petals are in place, glue the circle in the centre.



4 Make the butterfly: First add patterning, stickers, or gemstones to the wings.



5 Next cut a narrow strip for the body so a "head" and "tail" extend beyond the join in the wings. Lightly glue the body onto the wings.



6 Put glue on the head and tail of the butterfly so you can stick ths strip in place with the wings free to flap.



Add a stem and leaves for your flowers if you wish.

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