

Cressida Fanshawe Planter



You will need:

- Kitchen roll tube
- Paint and brushes
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Lace/ribbon
- Glue stick/double sided sticky tape
- Superglue
- Egg carton
- Large egg
- Cress seeds – see our [Mr May's Green Day](#) event to get yours for free!
- Cotton wool
- Water

Instructions:

- Take the kitchen roll tube and use a pencil to sketch out an outfit. The Fanshawe family have a long connection with Barking and Dagenham, dating back to the 1560s. Why not take a look at our collection of [Fanshawe portraits](#) for some inspiration?



- Paint your outfit on the tube and leave to dry. You can use little pieces of ribbon/lace to add decoration to your outfit – attach these bits with a glue stick or double-sided sticky tape.
- Carefully break off the top part of the shell from a large egg. To save on waste you can also boil the egg first and eat it. Make sure you don't break off too much shell, you want to leave enough space to paint the face on.
- Carefully wash out the eggshell with warm water.
- Paint the face on the eggshell and leave to dry.



- Cut out 1 egg carton cup.
- Cut out the bottom of the egg cup to make the shape you can see in the picture.
- Paint the egg cup the colour you want for the neck and leave to dry.
- Place the egg cup into the top of the kitchen roll tube, with the narrowest part of the egg cup at the top.
- If the egg cup does not fit snugly into the tube, apply a small amount of superglue to the edges to stop it from moving about. (Remember to keep little fingers away from superglue – ask an adult to do this part).



- Dip some cotton wool in water and squeeze out any excess.
- Fill the eggshell head with the damp cotton wool. Leave around 1cm of space at the top.
- Sprinkle cress seeds on top of the cotton wool.
- Carefully place the egg head on top of the neck and use superglue to secure it. **(Remember to keep little fingers away from superglue – ask an adult to do this part).**
- Place Cressida in a sunny place, like a windowsill.
- Remember to keep watering the seeds and watch the cress hair grow after around 7 days.
- Why not give Cressida a haircut and eat some of the tasty cress?



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