



### TOP TIP

#### SAFETY FIRST

Wear heavy-duty gloves when cutting the mesh away from the sieve, as the edges of the wire can be quite sharp.

# SIEVE TOPIARY POT

When your kitchen sieve comes to the end of its life, turn it into a frame to train plants around for a pretty feature in your garden.

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### YOU WILL NEED

- Plant pot (deep enough for the sieve handle to disappear)
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brush
- Old sieve
- Wire cutters
- Pliers
- Ribbon
- Fabric glue and brush
- Pin
- Potting soil
- Ivy plant with a long shoot growth
- Green florist wire

- 1 Paint your pot a colour which coordinates with your piece of ribbon (A), and leave to dry.
- 2 Use the wire cutter to cut the mesh away from the frame of the sieve (B). Remove any leftover mesh and supporting handles from the frame with pliers (C).
- 3 Start to coil your ribbon all around the sieve frame to hide any uneven parts (D). Use fabric glue to secure the end, holding it in place with a pin until dry.
- 4 Fill the pot with potting soil and plant the ivy. Push the sieve handle down into the soil next to the plant (E). Gently start to coil the ivy shoots around the frame and fasten it where needed with green florist wire (F). Water the plant and display.



### ABOUT THE DESIGNER

Upcycling is part of Almie Louis's daily life, turning unwanted materials into decorative and beautiful pieces. On her blog she provides aspiring arts and crafts enthusiasts with inspirational ideas for transforming discarded items into masterpieces – all through the virtue of recycling.

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