

HAPPY CAT PLANT POT



Why not give a purring furry friend this cool kitty plant pot complete with delicious cat grass – it'll make their day!

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You will need

- A clean terracotta pot
- 'Cat Grass' plant (these are available at most garden centres)
- Gardening gloves
- Paintbrushes
- Potting mix
- Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer
- Resene testpots of Resene Alabaster, Resene Black, Resene Japanese Laurel, Resene Malibu, Resene West Side
- Small trowel

Why do cats like 'Cat Grass'?

It was once thought that cats only ate grass when they were feeling unwell, but scientists have shown that most cats enjoy eating grass as part of their regular diet to help with digestion (it's also a good source of folic acid for them). 'Cat Grass' is particularly attractive to them because the foliage is softer than some coarse grasses – younger cats may also like playing with the leaves!

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STEP ONE

Before you begin, get an adult to apply one coat of Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer to the inside and outside of the terracotta pot and allow to dry.

STEP TWO

Use Resene Malibu to paint some sky around the outside of the terracotta pot, as shown in the picture. Also paint the top and inner rim of the pot with the same colour. Once the paint is dry, apply a second coat, and allow this to dry as well.

STEP THREE

Use Resene Japanese Laurel to add some grass, as shown. Again, once the paint is dry, apply a second coat, and allow this to dry.

STEP FOUR

Use Resene Black to paint a nice big cat shape on the outside of the terracotta pot, as shown. Once again, let the paint dry and then apply a second coat, allowing this to dry.

STEP FIVE

Use Resene West Side to add two big bright cat's eyes, and allow the paint to dry.

STEP SIX

Use Resene Alabaster to paint a nice big smile on the cat, and allow the paint to dry.

STEP SEVEN

Use Resene Black to add a pupil in the centre of each eye. Allow the paint to dry.

STEP EIGHT

Using the small trowel, carefully put some potting mix into the painted cat pot and plant the 'Cat Grass' in the centre. Carefully firm the potting mix around the plant – it is best to use gardening gloves if you can.