

# The gift that keeps on giving!

Colour will always help people feel better, so what better way to be generous than making and giving a hanging ball with sweet, red strawberries ready for the eating.

## You need:

- An old ball, cut in half
- Thin rope (three lengths of at least 50cm each, depends how low you want the basket to hang)
- Potting mix (it's also recommended you wear gloves)
- Strawberry plants (Stu uses three)
- Straw
- Electric drill (or some other device for making holes in the ball)

## Method:

1. With the ball cut in half, you need to make three evenly spaced holes around the top of the cut edge of the ball.
2. Make two to three holes in the bottom of the ball for any excess water to drain out.
3. Thread a length of rope through one of the holes and tie a knot in the end. Repeat for all three holes and lengths of rope.
4. Put some potting mix in the bottom of the ball/basket, place the strawberry plants on top then pack more potting mix around the plants.
5. Place the straw around the base of the plants so that the berries won't be able to touch the soil.
6. Take the untied ends of rope and gather them above the basket to form an apex, tie the ends in a knot and then it's ready to hang.
7. Wait for the berries to get nice, red, and juicy then enjoy generous helpings with others!

## Why straw?

If the berries lay on the soil they will rot, making them not berry nice to eat. The straw helps to keep the berries from lying on the soil and therefore rotting!