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## MAY DAY FLOWER POTS INSTRUCTIONS

### Supplies:

Terra cotta pots (Home Depot)  
Plastic water drainage plates  
Baggies to put soil in  
Soil – maybe gloves  
Flower seed packages  
Scoop for soil  
Copies of “The Story of the Cracked Pot”  
Copies of above poem  
Raffia for tying baggies & scrolls  
Paper cutter  
Paper hole punch  
Double-sided tape or glue  
Tongue depressors

### Assembly:

Look at the picture for help  
Fill bag w/soil & tie w/raffia & place in pot  
Glue copy of poem on back of flower seed pkg.  
with the tongue depressor taped in between to  
stick up over the soil.  
Roll up “Cracked Pot” story & tie w/raffia. Place in  
pot.



The Story of the Cracked Pot reveals God's desire to use us – cracked pots – as we are for His glory and for His purposes. When we depend on God, He can take our unique, cracked, aging, weak vessels and work in us and through us to do amazing things for His glory!

***"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves ;"***

**2 Corinthians 4:7**

***"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.'"***

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

## The Story of the Cracked Pot -

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?' 'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

- Author Unknown