Fancy Flower Planting

Purpose of Activity: To get students to use items that could be considered trash.

Objectives/Learning Outcomes:
By actively participating in this activity, participants will:

- Understand useful ways to repurpose items.
- Learn the value of reusing something rather than purchasing new.

Materials Needed:

- Plastic Bottles
- Art Supplies (Brushes, paints, scissors etc.)
- Potting soil
- Flower Seeds

Facilitation Guide:

1. Begin by cutting the tops off of the bottles.
2. Have residents decorate the new pots.
3. Pour in the potting soil when everything has dried.
4. Plant the flower seed.
5. Explain care instructions according to the information on the seed packet. The residents are able to keep the newly-formed pots in their rooms.

Discussion:

- Why is reusing what could be seen as trash important?
- What are some other ways to repurpose items you would typically throw away?

Helpful Hints:

- Choose a flower that doesn’t need a lot of sunlight as they will be growing inside a room.
- Use craft supplies left-over from other programs.