# **HOW-TO MAKE A BOTTLE BRICK**



#### Bottle Brick (a.k.a. Portable Landfill Device):

Plastic bottles stuffed with plastic trash until they are compressed like bricks. These bottle bricks are used around the world to build benches, houses, and school buildings.

# STEP 1

Find a dry plastic 20 oz. soda or energy drink bottle (water bottles are too flimsy) Start saving your inorganic landfill trash. Keep a bag or bottle in your kitchen to collect. Make sure there is NO food or liquid goop.

<u>Step 2</u>

Items commonly found in bottle bricks:

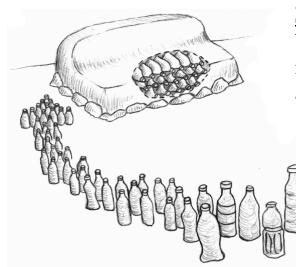
- Plastic Bags - Wrappers - Cigarette Butts - Dental Floss

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- Cigarette Butts Dental FlossVeggie stickers Shiny paper
- Receipts
- Twist-ties - Mesh

## <u>Step 3</u>

Use a stick or wooden spoon to compact items inside the bottle. Make sure to stuff as you go. Cut large items into smaller pieces. The goal is to compress as much trash as possible into the bottle.



## STEP 4

When bottle is stuffed, screw on cap and give it the "squeeze" test. If there is a lot of give, add more trash and keep stomping.

**STEP 5** Start collecting bottle bricks to build an earthbench! Tell your friends, family and neighbors to help out!

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