

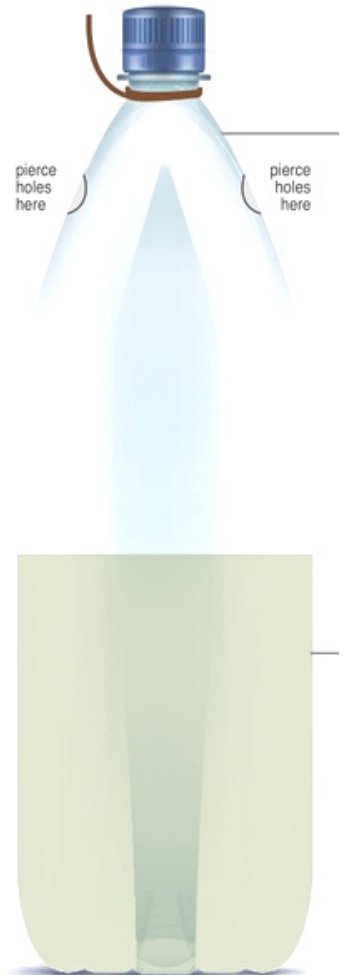
MAKE YOUR OWN QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY TRAP



This homemade trap recipes take just minutes to make with items you probably already have at home.

Ask an adult to help you with this activity

1. Start with a plastic bottle (soft drink or similar) with lid.
2. Have an adult cut two - three holes in the bottle about the size of a 5 cent piece, 10cm from the top. The holes need to be big enough for fruit flies to get in.
3. Mix up:
 - 1 teaspoon Vegemite,
 - 1 cup of water,
 - 1 tablespoon of sugar,
 - 2 drops of unscented or lemon dish-washing liquid.
4. Add the mixture to the bottle and screw on the lid, tie twine around the bottle's neck and hang from your trees.



The liquid in home-made traps attracts flies into the trap and when the fly can't escape they drop into the liquid and drown. The liquid will need replacing every 1-2 weeks, especially in hot weather, so it doesn't go off and attract ants. Place at least one trap per tree. Ask an adult to help check the traps taking care to check for bees or wasps.