Plant Pot Okedo

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Total time: 1.5 – 2 hours

Materials

- 2 plastic plant pots roughly 15 in. diameter
- 1 roll duct tape
- 1 roll packing tape
- 1 pair of scissors
- Optional: 1 helper (for making the strap)

Part 1: Building the Body

1. Take one pot and turn it upside down so that the bottom of the pot faces the ceiling.

2. Using the duct tape, make small rolls of tape with the sticky part on the outside. Place the duct tape rolls along the edge of the pot. Place the sticky duct tape rolls close to one another, outlining the edge of the pot.

3. Align the bottom of the second pot with the bottom of the first. Take your time and make sure they're aligned. Once they line up, press the top pot firmly to the bottom pot.

4. Use three pieces of duct tape to secure the seam between your pots. Piece one goes around the bottom of the top pot, slightly overlapping onto the bottom pot. Piece two goes around the top of the bottom pot, slightly overlapping onto the top pot. Piece 3 goes around the center, overlapping both pieces 1 and 2.

Part 2: Making the Drumhead

5. Place a strip of packing tape vertically on your drum. Pull it tight, but not so tight that it warps the plant pot. Cut it so it extends past the lip of your plant pot, and fold it down under the lip to secure it.

6. Turn the pot 90° and place another strip. The two strips should cross in the center of your drum/pot at a 90° angle. *(yes, that's a different drum in this pic, well spotted!)*

7. Place a third strip of tape so that it goes from the top left side to the bottom right side of the second strip. Place this strip so it overlaps the second strip by ⅔.

8. Place a 4th strip that goes from the top left side to the bottom right of the third strip. Overlap the 3rd strip by ⅔.

9. Continue this process until you have a complete tape drum head. It should look like the photo on the right after a few strips.

10. Flip the pot over and repeat.

(Note, you can do this with duct tape if you prefer.)

Part 3: Adding the Strap

This process, especially Steps 15-17, is easier with a helper.

11. Measure and cut a piece of duct tape that is as long as your wingspan (both arms outstretched). Lay this carefully on the floor, sticky side up.

12. Measure and cut a second piece of duct tape this same length.

13. Place the sticky side of the second piece to the sticky side of the first piece, doing your best to line them up exactly. This is your strap. Fold over any places where the sticky side of the tape is showing so no sticky tape is exposed

14. Cut 2 pieces of duct tape roughly 4 inches long. Set one aside for Step 17. Place the other one at one end of the strap you just made, hanging about 3 inches of it off the strap. Attach that overhang to either end of the drum body, near the head. This anchors this side of the strap to the drum body.

15. Lift the drum so it's on your left side, with one head pointing forward and the other pointing behind you. The anchored side of the strap should be in front of you, and the center of the drumhead should be roughly even with the middle of your quadricep. Angle the front head of the drum very slightly up. If you don't have a hepler, look in a mirror to see if you're holding the drum correctly.

16. Bring the strap across the front of your body and drop it over your right shoulder, down your back.

17. Using the piece of tape you set aside in Step 14, anchor the back end of your strap to the body of your drum, close to the head that's behind you.

(Note, this is probably the hardest part of the whole process, especially if you don't have a helper. Be patient, take your time, and don't be afraid to cut a new piece of anchor tape if you need to!)

18. OPTIONAL: Reinforce the places where your strap is attached to the drum with more duct tape. Reinforce the tape head by wrapping duct tape around the edges of both heads.

19. Enjoy your new practice okedo!