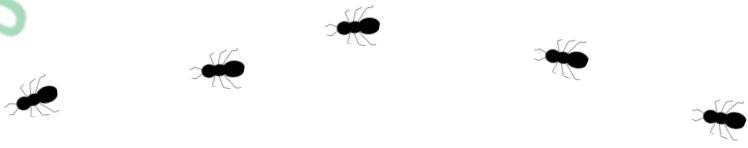




# Competition Pack

Make your own Rainforest in a Box

Closing Date: 15th May 2020



# Rainforest in a Box competition



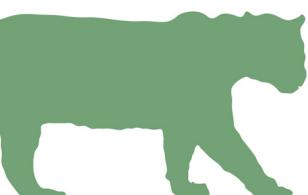
Rainforests are fascinating places. They are filled with animals and plants that have lots of special features, called adaptations, to protect them and help them survive in the hot and rainy conditions of the rainforest. If you're between the ages of 6 and 14 we want you to discover more about these truly amazing parts of the world and create your own mini *Rainforest in a Box*! We want to see what a rainforest looks like in miniature, including models and drawings of some of the plants and creatures that live there. The best efforts will be in with a chance to win a prize in our competition!

## What you need to do

Create a *Rainforest in a Box* using a shoebox, or box of a similar size. A key feature of your design should be to show the four distinct layers of the rainforest. Use models to show us some of the specific tree, plant, animal and insects that are found living in the rainforest, and show them at the correct layer they live at. If you want to, you can also use labels to tell us what you've learnt about the rainforest.

We recommend you visit the *Rainforest in a Box* page on the Plant Your Future website (link below) where you can download our "What's in a rainforest" booklet. You can also watch the videos we've made that show you how we made our example *Rainforest in a Box*. You can also visit the Plant Your Future Instagram page (@plantyourfuture\_peru) or Facebook page (@PlantyourFuture), search on the internet or in books/magazines you have at home for ideas of some of the different species found in the rainforest.

[www.plantyourfuture.org.uk/rainforestinabox](http://www.plantyourfuture.org.uk/rainforestinabox)



## How to enter

Submit a high quality photo of your entry to [hello@plantyourfuture.org.uk](mailto:hello@plantyourfuture.org.uk) and make sure you include your name, age and the country you live in.

## Judging

The competition will be judged in two age categories, with entries accepted from across the world:

1. **6-9 years**
2. **10-14 years**

There are **three judges**:

1. Luis Campos Baca Professor of Biology, National University of the Peruvian Amazon
2. Grace Clegg Trustee, Plant Your Future
3. Jane Taylor Geography Teacher, Magdalen College School, Oxford

We will judge against **4 criteria**:

1. Creativity – imaginative use of everyday materials.
2. Presentation – quality and overall finish.
3. Accuracy – attention to detail in rainforest layering, species and labels.
4. Originality – additional research into plant, animal and insect species specifically found in a tropical rainforest.

## Deadline

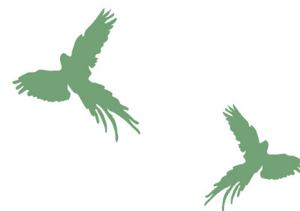
**Friday 15th May 2020, 4pm BST.** Winning entries will be announced and shared on our website and social media sites, as well as by personal email to the winners on Friday 22nd May 2020.

## Prizes

In each age category we will award:

1st Prize – **£50**

Runner-Up – **£25**



## Sharing on Social Media

If you'd like to share a photo or video of your creation on social media, we'd love to see there and show it to our followers too. You can find us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter! (But make sure you email in to enter the competition.)

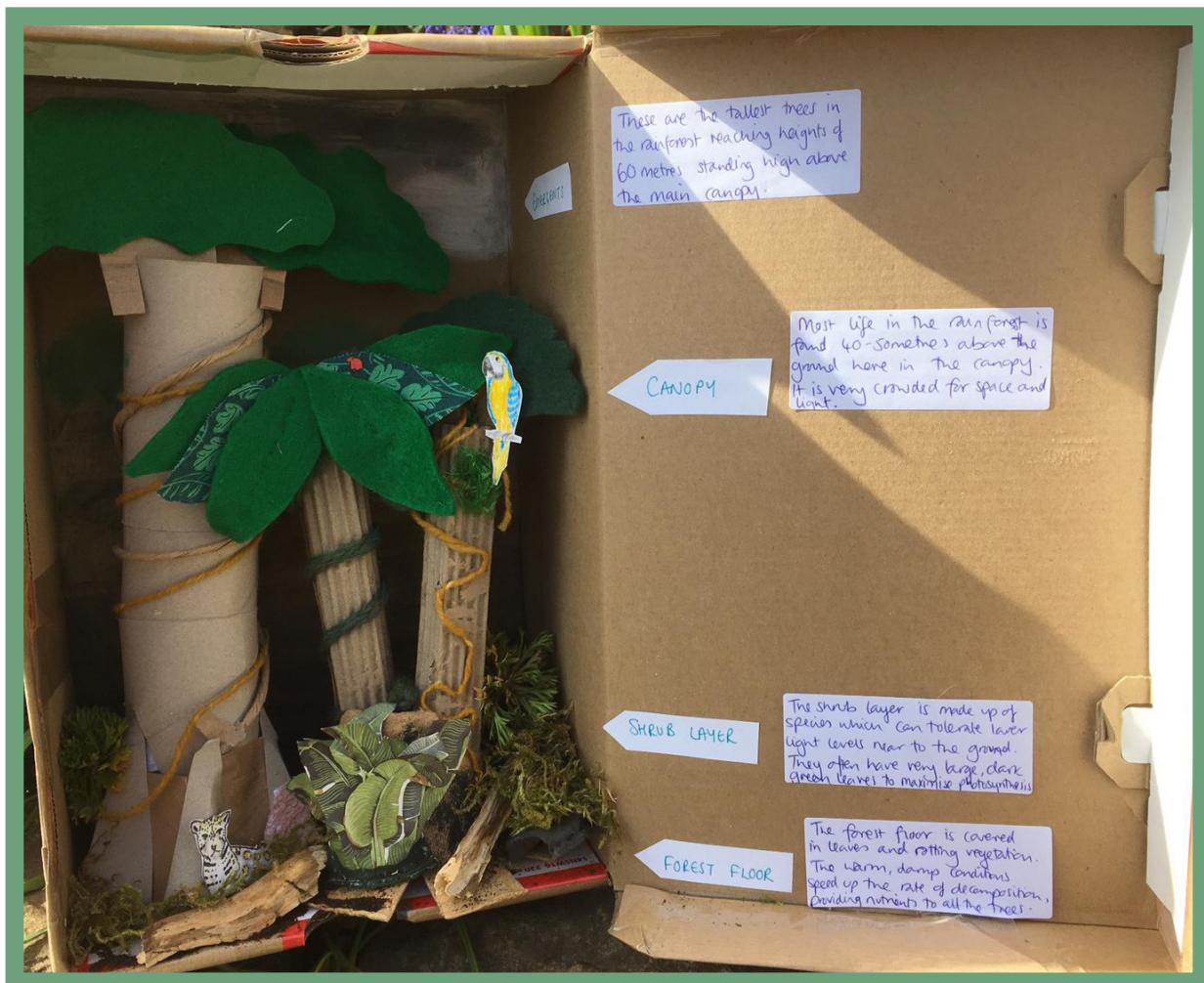
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When sharing your pictures, remember to tag us using the handles above, and use the hashtags #rainforestinabox and #plantyourfuturecompetition too!



## What you need

All the materials you need to make your *Rainforest in a Box* should be found from around the house, garden or park. We encourage you to use recycled and up-cycled materials as much as possible. Try out items with different textures and colours, such as cardboard, empty toilet rolls, paper, wool, material, pages from magazines, rubbing with crayons or pencils on paper to create different textures. You can also collect things in the garden or out on a walk, such as twigs, leaves or moss. You'll also need some scissors and sticking tape and/or glue.



## How we made ours

We know that many of you will want to make a *Rainforest in a Box* that is even better than ours, filled with your favourite creatures! We can't wait to see what interesting and unique creations you make, but to help give you some ideas, we wanted to let you know how we made ours. You can also watch the videos on our website which show you around our mini rainforest.

The **tall tree** we've made is a *Kapok Tree*. It is truly gigantic, so we've put it in the emergent layer, towering above the other trees. To make it, we used three toilet rolls stuck inside one another and cut three triangles into the base to fold outwards into buttress roots.

Most of our trees are a little lower in the canopy layer, just like in the rainforest. To make these **trees** we peeled off the outer layer of paper from corrugated cardboard leftover from a packing box. The ridged part that was left over created a great surface that looks just like bark. It rolled easily into a tube and we used glue to stick the sides together to make a trunk. We fixed our trees into place with a bit of glue when we were ready to position in the box.

Our **tree crowns** were made using old felt and patterned material backed onto leftover cardboard. These were very loosely sewn together and stitched to the cardboard, but glue would work just as well. We then slotted them onto the top of the tree trunk.

We've included lots of **vines** (called lianas) wrapped around our trees, using different types of string we found. You might also like to add epiphytes (plants that grow on tree branches in the canopy) just like we did. We made ours using the green net from a bag of limes.

There are so many **animals and birds** that live in the rainforest for you to choose for your *Rainforest in a Box*. We included a parrot and jaguar in ours which we traced around from pictures in books and coloured in. You could add a beautiful macaw or monkey, or maybe you'll discover something else from your own research?

On the **forest floor** it's darker. To make ours we collected some things from outdoors. We used two different types of moss, a broken branch and tea leaves from a tea bag that we stuck down with a bit of glue. You might also want to use some paint here to show how dark it is beneath the canopy as the trees block out most of the sunlight.



## About Plant Your Future

Plant Your Future is helping to protect and restore the Amazon Rainforest which is under threat from deforestation. Sadly large areas of rainforest have already been destroyed. We work with local farming communities to help them plant trees in areas where the rainforest has already been cut down. Some of these trees that we help them to plant grow fruits like lime and cocoa (which is used to make chocolate!). The people we work with are very poor, so the farmers sell these fruits to earn money that can help their families and improve their quality of life. We also teach the farmers how to look after their trees so that they grow well. This includes how to control pests and different natural ways they can improve the soil that the trees grow in.

So far, we have helped rural communities plant and maintain 44,000 healthy and productive trees in the Loreto and Ucayali Regions of the Peruvian Amazon. We've also achieved independent certification by the Rainforest Alliance, and are proud to say that 100% of the farming families who have joined our reforestation programme are still working with us!

**Want to help Plant Your Future restore the Peruvian Amazon Rainforest? It costs just £2 to plant a tree today!**

**To find out more and donate, visit  
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