

FUN SCIENCE

Here are four simple science experiments to try at home!

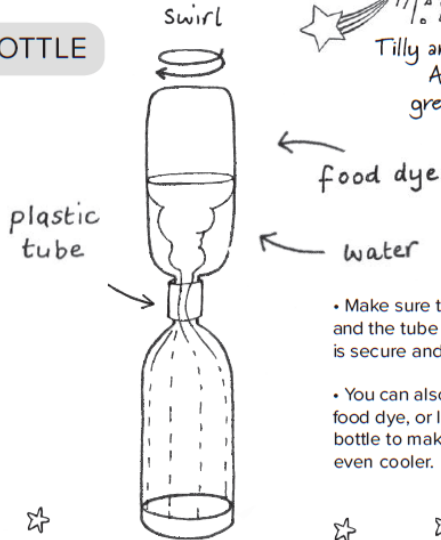
TORNADO IN A BOTTLE

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In the boiler of a steam engine, steam rises up into the steam dome to be used and the water sinks to the bottom where it can be heated by the fire.

Similarly, in this experiment, as the water flows into the lower bottle the air is forced up, creating the tornado effect.

Engine designers have to understand how to use this science to make the locomotive work.

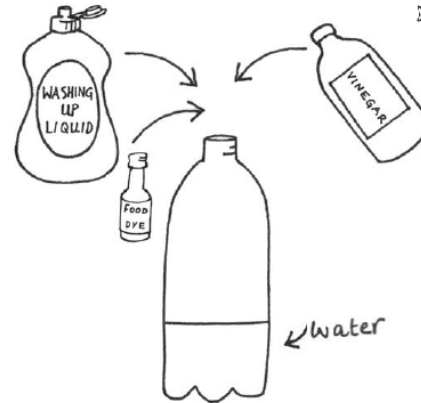


- Make sure the two bottles and the tube connecting them is secure and water-tight!
- You can also add glitter, food dye, or lamp oil to the bottle to make the tornado even cooler.

VOLCANO

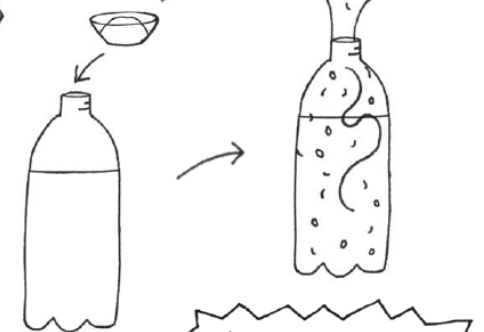
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When liquid becomes gas it expands and needs more space ... just like in the boiler of a steam engine! Only, with the steam engine, we don't let the gas out - we use the extremely high pressure to push the engine along!



Only try outside!!

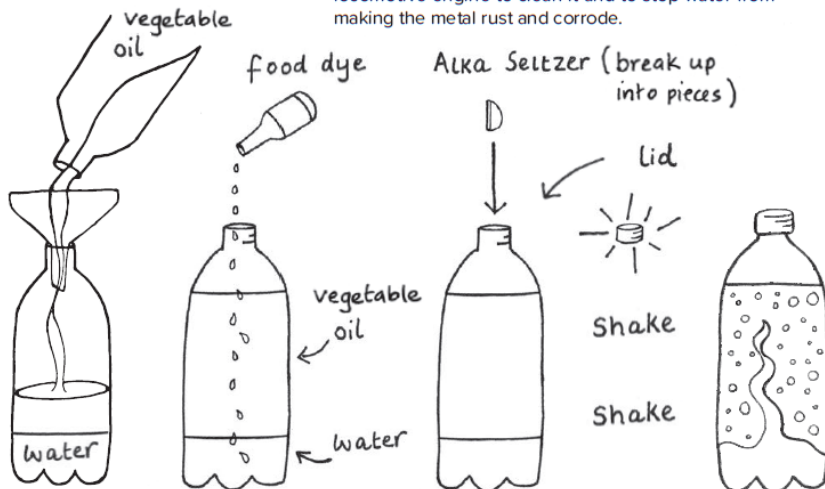
baking soda
(Not baking powder)



- Also works by dropping a few Mentos sweets into a 2 litre bottle of cola.

LAVA LAMP

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BALLOON ROCKET

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Did you know that when two things rub together it makes friction, which slows stuff down? That's great if you want to put the brakes on the wheels of the steam engine to make it stop, but not if you want it to move quickly and easily the rest of the time.

- Try filling the balloon with different amounts of air (fuel). How does this effect the distance it travels?

