

Let's Make a Grass Head

Objective of Activity: Demonstrate how to plant seeds in order for growth of grass to occur with proper nutrients.

Materials Needed:

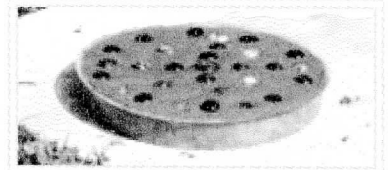
Knee High
Rye Grass Seed
Potting Soil
Cup or Can
Pipe Cleaners
Buttons
Rubber bands
Goggled Eyes
Hot Glue Gun


Directions:

- 1) Put approximately 2-3 tablespoons of grass seed into the knee high so that the seeds fall to the seam of the knee high.
- 2) Place the potting soil into the knee high on top of the grass seed. Put as much soil as needed to have a good size head. ****Important: Be sure not to shake the knee high because you will have hair growing through the face and ears of the grass head and not on it's head.****
- 3) Shake (not too hard) the soil down into the panty hose to form a ball.
- 4) Tie a knot where the soil ends and turn it over to where the grass seeds are on top.
- 5) Now it is time to make ears and a nose, you will need 3 rubber bands. Collect a small amount of soil with the panty hose and wrap a rubber band around it. Be sure to do one ear on one side of the head and one ear on the other and the nose in the middle of the face.
- 6) Now you can decorate your grass head. You can make eyes with the goggled eyes or with buttons and make a smile with buttons or pipe cleaners. You can also use buttons to make earrings. Let the kids use their imagination; it is great to see what they come up with. ****Important: Do not place anything directly on top of the grass seed for the grass will have a hard time growing through the hot glue.****
- 7) HAVE FUN!

How to Make Your Own Stepping Stones

A stepping stone is a very pretty decoration made of concrete. It looks great on front steps, and is fun to make. Here's how!



Concrete and glass stepping stone 

Steps

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1. Go to local store and purchase concrete mix. Also purchase some decorations such as seashells, beads, sea glass, marbles, and other little things to decorate your stepping stones with. ** see note*
2. Put about two cups of the mix in an aluminum pan and add one cup of water. You can also add dye to change the color of the cement at a local hardware store. *You may want to tweak this a bit!*
3. Mix the concrete up and put your hand print into the mix if you choose to.
4. Decorate it with the seashells, beads, and anything else you want, and let it dry.
5. Note that the cement should be like brownie batter, not too wet.
6. Let it sit 30 min or so before pressing in bits of glass, shells, rocks, etc; to have it set up strong, let it dry in a shaded area and sprinkle it with the hose a couple times a day depending on the heat for a week or so.

Tips

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- You can go to local construction sites and ask for chunks of concrete.
- For a simpler look add a layer of pea gravel on the top of your mix and gently firm into the surface of the wet concrete. This will create colorful, round, pea gravel stepping stones.

Warnings

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- Wash your hands right after sticking them into the cement. The cement will dry on your hand!

- It can be hard to get the aluminum from around the cement, so check out all your options.

Things You'll Need

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- * • Cement mix — *be sure to use quickcrete*
- water
- beads, shells, pea gravel etc.
- aluminum pan

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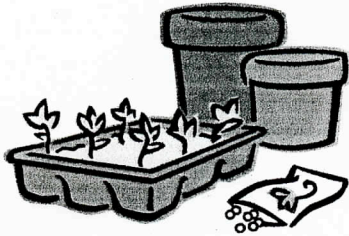
"Growing Greene" Plant Instructions

This week we read the book "Two Old Potatoes and Me" after which we planted some things of our own. Ask your child about this delightful story. We are bringing home some of our plantings. We will need your help to keep them growing. Please help us take care of the following plants-

*Sweet potato plant- see attached instruction sheet
You may plant this outside if you desire. It makes a very nice vine house plant.

*Peat pots can be planted directly in the ground in a sunny area. They must be watered regularly, especially in this hot weather. Please don't overwater, but keep them moist so the seeds will grow.

We planted herbs (parsley, basil and chives) which can be planted in a container inside in a sunny window. These make a great kitchen garden and they smell great too.



The other 2 pots have pumpkin seeds and wildflowers. The pumpkin seeds have your child's name stick in them. You may have a pumpkin just in time for fall! The wildflowers will do their own thing and may even give you new plants next spring!

Your child is learning the joys of gardening and making things grow green. Thanks for helping them too.

Dip grassheads in water.
Fill can with water.
Stuff "roots" in can.
Watch "hair" grow!

Happy gardening,
Mrs. Davenport

Grow A Sweetpotato House Plant

Materials:

Sweetpotato
Toothpicks
Jar or Glass
Water (non-chlorinated)

Methods:

Wash Sweetpotato thoroughly.
Insert toothpicks into the sides of the Sweetpotato about 1/3 of the way down.
Place the Sweetpotato into the jar.
Fill the jar with water.

Results:

In about 10-15 days, the Sweetpotato will begin to bud.
For the next 3 to 6 months, vines will grow from the Sweetpotato.
You can train the vies to climb up or around whatever you choose.

Keeping it Green:

Always keep the jar filled with water.
Keep the Sweetpotato plant in full to moderate sunlight.
Keep the Sweetpotato plant at a room temperature at or above 65 degrees.

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