



Crafts

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Teeny Tiny Garden

Materials:

- Paper Cups
- Soil
- Spoon
- Beans
- Knife
- Crayons
- Small Plate
- Glue

Talk About It:

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Talk about what plants need to live and grow. Explain how the sun, water, and soil are important parts of growing a beautiful garden. Point to the various parts of the plant (e.g. the stem, leaves, and petals) and encourage your child to say the names of those parts with you. Next, make your very own garden with your child.

Make it:

Step 1: Things You'll Need

Collect the items on the material list.

Step 2: Paper Cup Planter

Reuse a small paper or plastic cup. Carefully poke a few small holes for drainage in the bottom of the cup with a pen or knife.



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Step 3: Cut It Out

Cut construction paper to fit around the cup.

Step 4: Get Crafty

Decorate the cut construction paper with drawings and craft supplies.

Step 5: Glue It

Glue the decorated construction paper onto the cup.

Step 6: Get Your Hands Dirty

Use a small spoon to transfer soil from the bag to the cup. Pack the cup until it is almost full.

Little Hands Tip: Talk about how the soil smells and feels.

Step 7: Super Seeds

Add one or two seeds (spaced apart) to the cup and lightly cover it with more soil. Place cup on a small plate.

Little Hands Tip: Count your seeds as you plant them.

Step 8: Plants Need to Drink

Add a small amount of water to the cup.

Step 9: Bright and Sunny

Put the cup in an open area (such as a windowsill) where it will receive plenty of sunlight.

Step 10: Blooming Buds

Encourage your child to water her garden on a regular basis, just like Mary Mary Quite Contrary watered her garden on Sesame Street! Celebrate your child's gardening skills as she cares for her plants. Monitor your garden closely and look for the first sprout!

Step 11: My Green Thumb

Invite your child to document the growth of her garden by drawing pictures of the plants at various stages. Once the plants grow too large for the paper cups, replant them in a different container or outdoors for all to enjoy!