

Garden Challenges



Studying Bugs

Catch bugs in a plastic container. Look at them through a magnifying glass and have a go at drawing them



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Grass Heads

Get an old pair of tights and cut off one of the legs. Pour some grass seeds into the foot of the tights and then pour in some compost until you have a ball shape. Tie a knot in the bottom to keep it all in. Then stand it up in a pot with the knot at the bottom. Pinch a nose shape into it and wrap a small elastic band around to hold the nose in place. Stick two googly eyes on. Water it each day and watch your head grow hair.

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Apple Bird Feeder

First you will need an adult to cut the core out of the middle of the apple for you. Then poke a string through this hole so it comes out the other end. Make an X shape with two sticks and tie the string to it and let the apple sit on top. Then poke lots of seeds into the apple all over it. Then find somewhere in your garden to hang it up for the birds.



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Rubbings

Go into the garden with a piece of paper and a wax crayon. Lay your paper against different surfaces and rub the crayon and see what patterns appear. How many different rubbings can you find?

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Daisy Chains

Collect daisies, being careful to pick them with as long a stalk as you can. With your finger nail make a small hole in the end of a stem. Then thread another daisy through this hole. Keep going like this until you have a long chain.



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Fairy Garden

Find a small spot in your garden to create your own mini garden. Put rocks all around it and plant flowers. Use sticks and rocks to create different areas. You can use doll furniture to create your fairy world.

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Grow Plants from Scraps

Cut the rooted based off of an onion, celery or spring onions. Put them into shallow water and watch them grow new plants.

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Sunflowers

Plant some sunflower seeds. You can start them off in a pot and as it gets bigger you can transfer it out to your garden. Measure it regularly and see how tall it gets. You will need to water them everyday.

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Fruit Seeds

When you eat fruit collect the seeds. Soak them in water for a couple of days and then plant them into a pot of compost. Keep them in a sunny place and water them regularly. If they get bigger you can transfer them out to your garden. Maybe one day you'll have your own fruit tree.

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Egg Heads

Use an emptied out eggshell that has been washed. Fill it with compost and scatter the top with cress seeds. Draw a face onto the egg shell and watch the cress hair grow.

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Wormery

Find as big a glass jar as you can. Put a thin layer of sand in the bottom of it, then a thick layer of compost, then a tiny bit more sand and then lots more compost but leaving a nice gap at the top. Find 2 or 3 worms and pop them in the jar. Then top the jar off with food peelings, leaves and tea leaves. Ask a grown up to make holes in the lid for you and then pop it on the jar. Keep your worms for a few days while you watch them. Then set them free again.

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Garden Collage

Put some double sided tape onto a piece of card. Then go outside and look around for leaves, petals and other pretty things that you can stick to your card.