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RECREATION AT HOME

Family Garden Fun How to Make Plant People

Overview: These homemade plant pets are the perfect activity for a family who likes to garden or if you want to introduce your kids to the art of gardening.

Materials:

- Pair of pantyhose
- Potting soil/saw dust/or sand
- Grass seed
- Elastics
- Miscellaneous craft supplies for their outfits
- Craft glue or a glue gun



Approximate time to complete: 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on how much decorating you do to your plant people.

Location: Indoor or outdoor

Ages: Prekindergarten and up

Season: Any season

Instructions:

- Cut a six to eight inch long piece of pantyhose (any color will work). If your piece does not include a toe, then knot one end of the hose and turn it inside out. It will end up looking like a little pantyhose bag.
- Next scoop two to three teaspoons of grass seed into the closed end of the hose. Fill the rest of the hose with the potting mix (or sand or saw dust) and tie the hose closed. Use your hands to gently shape the ball into the shape of a head and bottom body like the photo provided. Take an elastic and wrap it around the middle of the mold to sculpt the plant person's body.
- Place the head in a shallow dish with the grass seed side on top. Use craft pieces such as wiggly eyes, buttons, pompom balls, felt, or material make eyes, a nose, mouth and arms. Attach with craft glue or a glue gun. Take ribbon and other materials to dress up your plant person.
- After glue has dried/cooled, carefully water your new plant person until the soil is thoroughly moist and place in a warm location. Check on it daily to make sure soil stays moist (if it seems to dry out quickly you can keep a reservoir of water in your dish), and within three to five days your new plant person will begin to grow "hair".
- Once the hair is established, you can give him/her a haircut or just let it grow and see how long it will get. If you have time and supplies, make more than one to create a whole family of plant people.