

Garden Monster Activity

Grade Levels: 2-6th

Time: 15 minutes

Group Size: Any



Brief Description: Students will make a garden monster, similar to a chia pet. If presenting at a workshop, teachers can each make one or simply have one teacher volunteer to help demonstrate.

Materials:

- Potting soil
- Grass seed
- Recycled lids
- 10"x10" nylon net or women's sheer toe stocking
- Wiggle eyes
- Nails
- Double sided tape
- Tiny zip ties

Instructions:

1. Heap a spoon full of grass seed on center of netting or at bottom of stocking
2. Put a scoop of potting soil directly on top of seed grass (pair with picture)
3. Gather up netting at corner and create a solid tight ball or form stocking into a ball (pair with picture)
4. Pull zip-tie tight to hold ball or tie end of stocking in a knot
5. Trim zip tie and netting (pair with picture)
6. Soak the monster in water and then set the garden monster in a container for continuous water supply.
7. Decorate! Attach wiggle eyes, use construction paper to make clothes, or add a bow to the soon to be "hair." Don't forget to give you monster a haircut every once in awhile!

Helpful tips:

- If using stockings, make sure to use the sheer toe
- It helps to place stocking over a cup or a cut poster tube to make it easier for the students to add the soil
- Make it a recycling activity and have students reuse something for the container (milk carton, yogurt cup, etc.)
- Make it an experiment! Will your monster grow better or worse using fertilizer?



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