KidsGardening and Gabby's Dollhouse are celebrating Earth Day together this year!

Channel the magic of Gabby's Fairy Tail Garden!

Get kids excited to be outdoors in the garden with these tips:

Start small. Grab a 5-gallon bucket or other container and poke holes in the bottom for drainage. Add potting soil and you're ready to plant a mini garden!

Let kids choose plants. Guide them toward easy-to-grow selections for success, but let them make the final decisions so it's truly *their* garden!

Engage all the senses. Fill the garden with plants and decorations that are colorful and offer a variety of smells, textures, and sounds. Include a few edibles for snacking!

Create spaces for play. Sunflower houses, bean forts, reading chairs... kids will feel right at home in a green living space that's just their size.

Set the stage for creativity. Pine cones, wildflowers, pebbles, and branches become the building blocks and action figures of their outdoor world.

Relax! Crooked rows or weeds as pets are fine. Explore! Engage! Enjoy!



Scan to link to KidsGardening.org for more fun activities to enjoy with kids.



KidsGardening is a national nonprofit creating opportunities for kids to learn and grow through gardening. As a leader in the youth gardening movement for nearly 40 years, KidsGardening provides grants and original educational materials to more than 2.6 million kids across the country.



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Bean Viewer

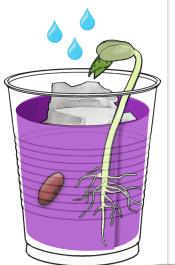
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- paper towel 1. Cut construction paper into a rectangle, and then roll and place in cup.
 - 2. Ball up a few paper towels and place them inside.
 - 3. Place 3 to 4 dried beans between the side of the cup and the paper liner.
 - 4. Add water to the paper towels until fully wet.
 - 5. Place the cup in sunny place and keep paper towels and seeds moist.
 - 6. Seeds should begin to grow in 3 to 5 days.





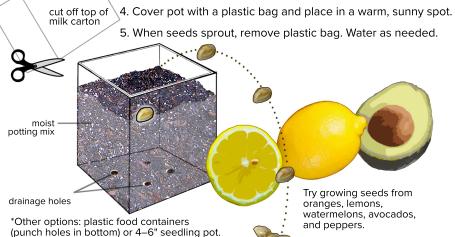
Eye on Potatoes

- 1. Insert 3 to 4 toothpicks in a circle around a sweet potato.
- 2. Insert the narrow end of the potato in a jar so the toothpicks rest on the rim.
- 3. Fill glass with water so the bottom of the potato is under water.
- 4. Place glass in a sunny window.
- 5. Watch for new roots, stems, and leaves to sprout.
- 6. Transplant it into a planter with potting mix when the roots outgrow the jar.



Sensational Seeds

- 1. Save seeds from fruit; wash & allow to dry for 1–2 days.
- 2. Fill milk carton bottom* with moist potting soil.
- 3. Plant small seeds ½" deep, large ones 1" deep.



Carrot Magic



- 1. Save the top 2" of a carrot. Snip off leaves, if any.
- 2. Add a layer of pebbles to a shallow bowl or dish and fill with water.
- 3. Place carrot tops in pebbles so they are touching water. Add more water as needed.
- 4. New leaves will begin to grow in 5 to 7 days. (They won't grow new orange carrot roots but the young green leaves are edible!)