



Planting grass eggs

A super fun planting activity

Grass seeds start sprouting in a couple of days & if kept moist should be 3-5cm tall in about 5 days. The children really seem to enjoy watching the seeds change from seeds into vibrant green grass hair!

Tips

If you'd prefer you could use actual eggshells. Just make sure there's a drainage hole as the grass must be kept moist, but also needs to drain or it will rot.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 6 x plastic eggs, with a drainage hole in the bottom, plus egg carton
- 3 x TBLspn grass seeds (we used grass seed bought from the supermarket)
- 1 x small bowl potting mix or garden soil
- Gardening gloves, children's & adults
- Art smocks or messy clothes

TOOLS

- Pointy nose scissors
- Plastic spoon
- Small jug of water



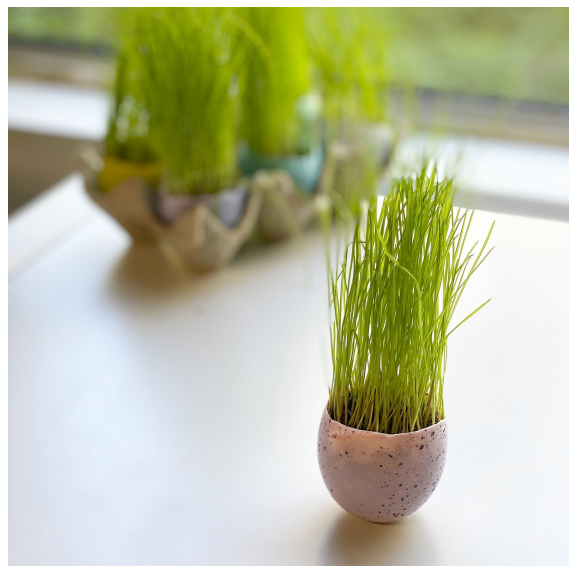
METHOD

1. Gather all materials & tools together.
2. Prepare a messy space for the activity, either outside or at a small table. Set up materials.
3. Invite the children to join the table & pop the gardening gloves & art smock on.
4. Explore the materials with the children, keeping the conversation age appropriate. Explain the process of planting to the children. 'First we add soil, then seeds & then a little more soil. Then we water our seeds'.
5. Using the spoon, encourage the children to take their time to 2/3rd fill the egg with potting mix. Watch their concentration in this activity.
6. Add 1/2 tspn of grass seeds on top of soil. Next cover the seed with a teaspoon of soil & pat down. Hooray your seeds are planted!
7. Gently water in your seeds and place in a well lit spot like a window sill, (but not in full sun).
8. Keep soil moist & within 3-4 days your first shoots should be showing. In 7 days your grass eggs should be 5cm tall.

EXTENDING ON FROM THIS ACTIVITY

- Extend by learning about plant anatomy - seeds, roots, leaves
- Decorate each eggs with a cute face & gift to families for Easter
- Cut grass & add to small worlds trays for a sensory experience
- Cut grass & create nature collage artwork
- If your centre or family have chickens, a worm farm or guinea pigs, grass can be fed to our animals.

Enjoy watching the grass grow!



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