

How Does Your Garden Grow?

It's fun to watch plants grow. There are many ways to have an indoor garden. To get started, assemble some containers: small flower pots, plastic containers, coffee cans, glass jars. Also find some old saucers or plastic lids to set the containers in. Have

an adult help you poke small holes in the bottom of the plastic or metal containers. This will let any extra water run out, so the soil won't be too wet. Gather some small pebbles. Buy some potting soil. You are ready to start gardening!



HERB GARDEN

Buy packets of seeds of your favorite herbs; for example, parsley, dill, basil, mint, or chives. Put some small pebbles in the bottom of the containers. Add potting soil. Plant a different kind of seed in each container.

Water the seeds. Put them on a sunny windowsill. Wait. In a week or so, the seeds will sprout. Keep the plants moist, but don't flood them. When the herbs are full-grown, snip them and use them in recipes.



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDEN

Try planting seeds from various fruits. Oranges, lemons, and grapefruit seeds produce pretty plants, though it's unlikely you'll get fruit from them. Soak the seeds overnight before you plant them.

Wash an avocado pit. Stick three toothpicks into the pit about a third of the way from the top (the narrower end). Put some water in a glass jar. Hang the avocado pit over the mouth of the jar. Add or subtract water so that it covers the



bottom half of the pit. Put the jar in a sunny spot. Roots will sprout from the bottom of the pit, and a stem and leaves will sprout from the top. When the roots look sturdy, plant the pit in soil.

Take a sweet potato that has some dark eyes on it. Use toothpicks to hang it over a jar of water, just like the avocado. Roots will sprout from the bottom, and vines will grow from the part that is not in the water.

Name That Biome! Write the correct name under each picture of a biome. Choose from these biomes: desert, tundra, grassland, rain forest, ocean.

