

Make a Mini-Greenhouse

This simple growing center is easily assembled and fun for even the youngest students. It's ideal for parents to use with their children at home, or makes a great gift for a very special teacher!

Materials

- Clear plastic food container with lid (like those from a salad bar)
- Soil disks (from Home Quarters or Home Depot)
- Package of seeds – any Mississippi commodity (cotton tomatoes, beans, etc.)
- Warm water

Directions

- Place soil disks in plastic container. Add warm water. As you add the water, the disks will expand. After 1-2 minutes, pour off excess water.
- Push 1-2 seeds into the center of each soil disk.
- Place in indirect light and add water as needed.
- Observe and record any changes in your plant.
- Close the lid when you see first signs of growth.
- Remove the young plant from the greenhouse when it is tall enough to touch the lid. Transplant to the garden.