

Silly Soil Friend

Create your own silly soil friend and learn about seed germination as your friend's grass hair grows! With soil, grass seeds, and a little bit of creativity, you can make a friendly soil monster, caterpillar, person, or whatever else you can imagine!



Materials:

- Any container with a narrow opening (e.g. small flower pot, baby food jar, cup, etc.)
- Grass seeds
- Knee-high nylon stocking or tube sock
- Soil
- Water
- Scissors
- Art supplies to decorate your new friend and make them come alive (e.g. markers, paint, googly-eyes, felt, pom poms, stickers, rubber bands, etc.)

Steps:

1. Add 3 TBSPs of grass seeds into the stocking toe.
2. Add a scoop of soil on top of the seeds. This will be the head of your new friend, with hair eventually growing out of the top- the stocking toe.
3. Tie a knot just below the ball in your stocking.
4. Add a face and decorations!
5. Fill a container about halfway with water.
6. Place your creation into a container tail-first, so that the seed ball sits on top with a long end that dangles into the water.
7. Place your new friend near a window and watch it grow! Refill water as needed

Caregiver Tips

- Seed germination takes some time-be patient and give your silly soil friend a few days to start sprouting its wacky grass hair.



- Want even more fun? Try making more grass friends with your learner in different shapes! Use rubber bands to tie off sections of soil, or experiment using different types of socks, adding more seeds, or anything else you want to try!