

Make a Plastic Cup Monster!

Learning about how plants grow is a building block in the early grades science curriculum. Put a fun twist on this life science concept with these cup monster friends! They will also make great Halloween decorations!

What You Need:

- Small plastic cup
- Permanent markers
- Cotton balls
- Plastic bags
- Potting soil
- Eyedropper
- Grass seed or radish seeds
- Small container of water

What You Do:

1. Hand your child the plastic cup. Supervise carefully while your child uses permanent markers to draw their monster's face on the cup.
2. Ask your child to dip the cotton ball in the water and put it in the bottom of their cup.
3. Then, put potting soil on top of the cotton balls. Be sure to stop an inch below the cup's rim.
4. Help your child sprinkle seeds on top of the soil and lightly pat them down. Show them how to use the eyedropper to slowly add water to the cup. The soil should be damp, but not wet. If the seeds become too damp your monster will rot!
5. Ask your child to put the cup near a window.
6. Loosely cover each cup with a plastic bag.
7. After a while, you should start to see growth. Your monster is growing fur, or maybe it's hair? We have no idea. But it sure is cute!

