

Grow a Garden



You can be a gardener even if you live in a high-rise apartment.

1. Get a few pea, bean or corn seeds.
2. Roll up a piece of blotter or paper towel and put it snugly inside a glass or small bottle. You can buy blotting paper at a stationery or office supply store. If you can't find a blotter, use enough layers of paper towel to make the roll stiff.
3. Fill the glass or bottle about one-quarter full of sawdust or earth.
4. Place your seeds between the blotter and the inside of the glass, above the level of the sawdust.
5. Wet the sawdust or earth enough so that the blotter soaks up the water. If you're using paper towel, pour in the water carefully so that it doesn't get too wet and collapse.
6. Put your glass or bottle in a dark place for a few days. Keep the blotter or towel damp.
7. When the plant starts growing, bring it out into the light again. Keep the blotter or towel damp.

The types of seeds I tried were:





You can also grow a bulb flower such as a tulip or daffodil in a pot, but you have to be patient because it takes a lot of time. Follow the instructions on the box the bulb comes in or ask a gardener or someone at a nursery how to go about it.



If you live in a house with a lawn or garden, ask your parents if you can take care of part of it. You can get a very satisfied feeling from watching your own grass come up green or your flowers bloom, or by eating some vegetables you grew yourself. Your parents can help you choose what to grow. You can also borrow books from the library to tell you what to do.

Your Akela and pack will be interested in hearing about what you've grown.



Here's what I grew when I was a Cub:
