

GardenABCs Hands-On Learning-Garden Activities

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Create a Garden Diorama

Ask your adult helper's permission before starting this project. A diorama lets you create your own "mini world," in this case, a garden environment.

Materials needed:

Small box with lid – a shoe box works great

Glue

Scissors

Markers, crayons, color pencils or paint

Natural and man-made objects for inside the diorama (seed pods, dried grasses, spices, pebbles, small plastic animals, yarn, color paper, dried beans, etc.)

Directions:

1. Find a small box with lid. Glue the box on its side inside the lid.
2. Collect items from the house and yard you can use to represent items in your garden. (For example, yarn, spices, seed pods and grasses, color paper, pebbles, small plastic animals, dried beans, noodles, etc.)
3. Cover, color or paint all three inside panels of the box to represent sky, sunshine, rain, a house or barn, you name it! You can decorate the outside of the box, too.
4. Create your garden on the "floor" of the box and lid. Use color paper, glue down different colored spices, or think of another way to represent vegetables in the garden.
5. What other items can be found in a garden environment? You might want to include bugs, worms (but not real ones!), birds, bunnies, fences, rocks, tools, a scarecrow...Use your imagination!

Like a real garden, this is a big project. You may want to take more than one day to finish it.