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Growing Techniques

Have you ever heard people say they have a green thumb? That means they are good at growing things. Their thumbs aren't really green, they just know what to do to keep their plants happy and healthy. Some of these things you have already learned in earlier sections of the Junior Master Gardener program. In this section you will learn more ways to make your thumb green!

THINGS FOR YOUR JMG GROUP TO DO:

- 🌱 Cylinder Gardening
- 🌱 Paper Towel Gardening
- 🌱 Tender Transplants
- 🌱 Weed Mats
- 🌱 Season Extenders





THINGS FOR YOU TO DO:

☛ Creative Crazy Containers

Many plants grow as well in a pot as they do in the ground. For this activity, be creative and find a container that you don't normally see plants growing in. You might choose an empty soup can, a tissue box, or even an old tennis shoe!



Make sure there is some way for water to drain from the bottom of the container so the roots don't get soggy. Plant a seed in your container and keep the soil moist. If the container is big enough, let the plant grow. If not, transplant it into the garden once it has its second set of leaves.

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☛ Zip and Grow



Find a sealable plastic bag and fill it with potting soil. Lay it flat on its side and cut one or two small Xs in the middle of one side. On the other side of the bag, make several small

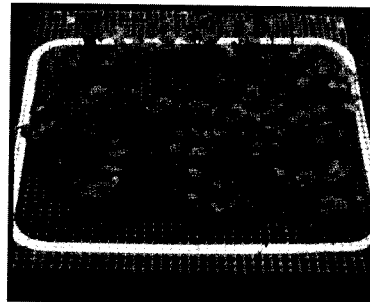
holes with a fork for drainage. Plant a seed that is in season right inside each X and water to make sure the soil is moist. Put it in a sunny spot and watch it grow!



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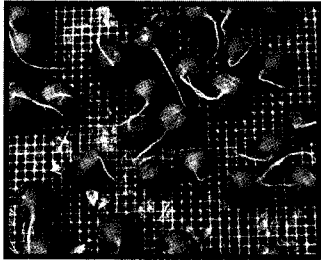
☛ Radish Carpet

For this activity you will need help from an adult. Find a rectangular cake pan that is at least 12 inches long and 9 inches wide. Use a hammer and nail to punch several holes in the bottom of the pan so water can drain out. Go to a hardware store and buy a piece of 1/2-inch hardware cloth. Fill the cake pan almost to the





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top with potting soil. Plant radish seeds about one inch apart and lay the hardware cloth over the top of the pan. Keep the soil moist and in about 4 weeks pull the screen up. You'll find a carpet of radishes. Wash the radishes and cut them up for a tasty salad!

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