



Grow a Grass Head

(recommended for ages 3-7)



Watch the instructional video at www.librariesni.org.uk or www.ni.sciencefestival.com.

You will need:

1. Leg from a pair of tights
2. Spoon
3. Soil
4. Grass seeds
5. Rubber band
6. Googly eyes
7. Glass or mug (not included)
8. Plastic or foil tray or plate (not included)

Method:

1. Place the leg of a pair of tights into a glass or mug and wrap the opening around the top of the glass.
2. With a spoon, scoop approximately 3 scoops of grass seed into the tights.
3. Scoop about 10 spoonfuls of soil into the tights, remove the tights from the cup, tie a knot to close the soil and grass seed securely in the tights and form it into the shape of a ball. If you want a larger grass head, add more soil.
4. Pinch a nose somewhere on the grass head and use the elastic band to secure the nose in place.
5. Stick on the googly eyes and use a marker to draw a mouth if you would like to make a mouth.
6. Place the grass head onto a plate or dish and water it generously, but be careful not to drown it.
7. Place your grass head in a windowsill or sunny spot and water it a little every day or two.

The Science:

Seeds need soil, water and light to grow. After watering it and leaving your grass head in a sunny place, you will start to see the seeds begin to grow after about 5 days. Keep watering it on a regular basis and when the grass is long enough, you can cut it and shape it into any hair style you like. Be creative. Enjoy!

****Caution: Choking hazard. Keep out of reach of children under 3.****

