

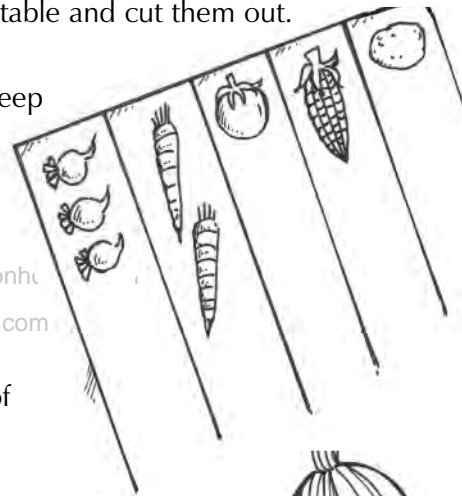
Planting a Paper Garden

Materials

Large sheet of brown roll paper, approximately 3' x 6'
 Construction paper in vegetable colors, such as orange and green
 Scissors
 Crayons or markers
 Glue

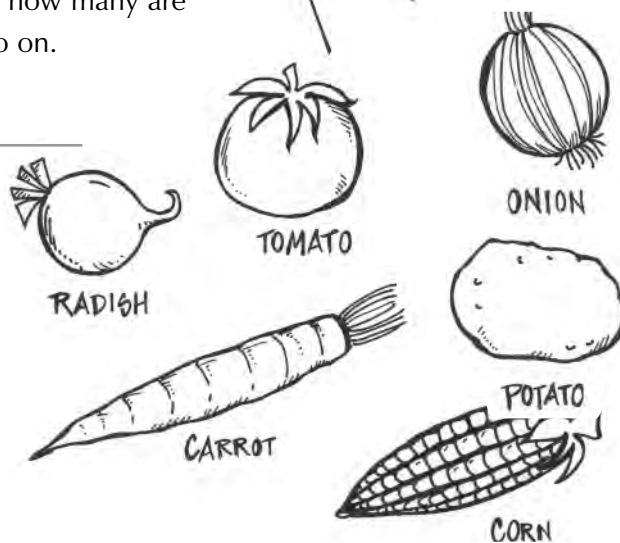
What to do

1. Cut out vegetable shapes from construction paper (or use reproducible vegetable pictures). Cut out a lot of them (or make a lot of copies).
2. Draw lines down the roll paper lengthwise to form a row for each kind of vegetable.
3. Encourage the children to color the vegetable and cut them out.
4. Help the children glue their vegetables onto the paper garden, making sure to keep one kind of vegetable in each row.
5. Ask the children count the number of vegetables in each row. Encourage the children to compare which row has the most and which has the least number of plants growing.
6. Ask the children to compare the colors of the vegetables and count how many are red, green, yellow, and so on.



More to do

Dramatic Play: Put out toy gardening tools (hoes, rakes, shovels, and so on) so the children can pretend to take care of the garden.



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Baby Birds Nesting

Materials

Self-sticking tags
Marker
Bird stickers
5 berry baskets
Miniature plastic eggs
Craft birds
Basket

What to do

1. Beforehand, place one to five bird stickers onto five self-sticking nametags. For example, put one bird sticker on the first tag, then two birds on the second tag, and so on.
2. Stick each tag on a berry basket.
3. Place a plastic egg into each berry basket, corresponding with the number on the front of the basket. For example, put one egg into the first basket, two into the second, and so on.
4. Put small craft birds into a basket. Demonstrate how to open the egg and put one bird inside each egg.
5. Encourage the children to count birds all the way up to the number five and put them into the eggs.

More to do

Field trip: Go on a bird watching experience.

Related books

Baby Bird by Joyse Dunbar
Baby Bird by Judy Tuer
The Beak Book by Pamela Chanko
Birds by Susan Canizares and Pamela Chanko
Have You Seen Birds? by Joanne Oppenheim
The Things Birds Eat by Betsey Chessen
Where Do Birds Live? by Betsey Chessen

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