

Making a “Soil Sam”

Materials

- knee-high sandal-toe hose
- stiff 2-3” diameter cardboard tube about 3” tall (cut sections of mailing tube work well)
- grass seed
- potting soil
- wiggle eyes
- waterproof glue
- permanent marker (optional)
- fabric scraps, buttons, etc.
- scissors
- baby food jar



Procedure

1. Stretch a knee-high hose over a 2-3” diameter cardboard tube so that it is pulled firmly over the end. Leave one end of the tube open.
2. Pour a spoonful of grass seed into the tube so that it covers the toe area of the hose.
3. Pour potting soil into the tube.
4. Pull the hose off of the cardboard tube by carefully pulling the “toe” part of the hose. Now your seeds and soil should be in the toe of the hose.
5. Tie a knot in the hose to hold the soil and seeds in place. Now you have made “Sam’s” head! Leave the extra hose hanging under the head.
6. Glue two wiggle eyes onto the head with waterproof glue. (You can draw other facial features on your Sam with a permanent marker.)
7. Decorate Sam’s body by tying a small triangular piece of bandana around the mouth of a baby food jar, or by taping or gluing other fabric, buttons, etc. to the jar.
8. Soak Sam’s head in water until it is completely wet. Place the head on top of your jar, with the extra hose hanging into the jar. Fill the jar with water and the hose will continue to draw water up into the head to make Sam’s “hair” (grass) grow!