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Making Plant People

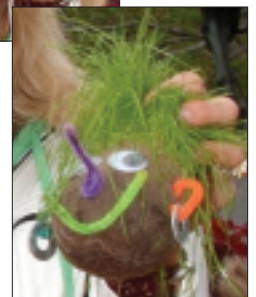
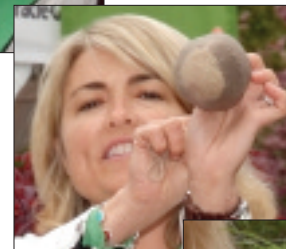
Making plant people from old pantyhose, a little bit of soil, and some grass seed is a fun and simple project for kids of all ages.

MATERIALS

- * Old panty hose, any color
- * Grass seed
- * Craft supplies (e.g., pompoms, felt, chenille craft sticks, wiggle eyes)
- * Shallow dish
- * Craft glue
- * Soilless potting mix

STEPS

1. Cut a 6- to 8-inch-long piece of panty hose. If your piece does not include a toe, knot one end of the hose and turn it inside out. It will end up looking like a little bag.
2. Scoop 2 to 3 teaspoons of grass seed into the closed "bag." Fill the rest of the hose with potting mix and tie the hose closed. Use your hands to gently manipulate the ball into a head shape.
3. Place the head in a shallow dish with the grass seed end facing up. Use craft pieces such as wiggle eyes, buttons, pompom balls, felt, and chenille sticks to make eyes, nose, mouth, and arms. Attach with craft glue.
4. After glue has dried, carefully water your new plant person until the soil is thoroughly moist and place in a warm location. Check daily to make sure the soil stays moist. If it dries out quickly, try keeping a reservoir of water in your dish. Within 3 to 5 days your plant person will begin to grow hair!



Once the hair is established you can give him/her a hair cut, or just let it grow and see how long it will get. If you have time and supplies, make a whole family of plant people!

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