

print & play **Sprout a Mini-Garden!**

Grow your own mini-garden and help girls see how seeds come to life, just like the Flower Friends in *Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden*.

With just a few easy-to-find supplies, you'll be on your way to making a lightweight and worry-free garden. For planters, use a plastic bedding six-pack; a foil pan with notched strips of cardboard as dividers; or newspaper rolled into cups and placed in plasticware. Try growing basil, leaf lettuce, or greens. They're all easy to grow indoors and in most climates. Either way, you're using resources wisely by giving new life to common household supplies or old packing materials.

Groups of two to four girls can be assigned to each section of the six-pack. Just one of the lightweight six-packs can accommodate 24 girls. Caring for their mini-garden will help girls earn their Watering Can award and learn to be responsible for what they say and do.

What You'll Need to Do:

1 Gather Materials

- Plastic bedding six-pack or another vessel to separate plants
- Seeds (basil, leaf lettuce, or greens)
- Potting soil or basic dirt
- Plant labels and growth cards (on pages 2 and 3)
- Scissors
- 6 plastic straws
- Water and sunshine!

2 Prepare Planter and Soil

Fill planter with soil. Press slightly to eliminate air pockets. Dampen soil. Drop one to two seeds into each section or container. Cover with soil, place in a sunny spot indoors, and water daily. Once two sets of leaves form, seedlings can be planted in the garden or permanent containers.

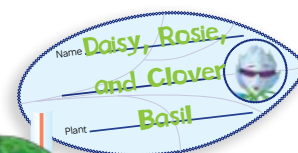
3 Label Plants and Chart Their Growth

Cut out plant labels on page 2, name the plants, and place labels in small notch cut at the top of each straw. Cut out note cards on page 3 to chart each plant's growth. Be sure to ask girls why some seeds grew faster or slower than others.

Planter Options

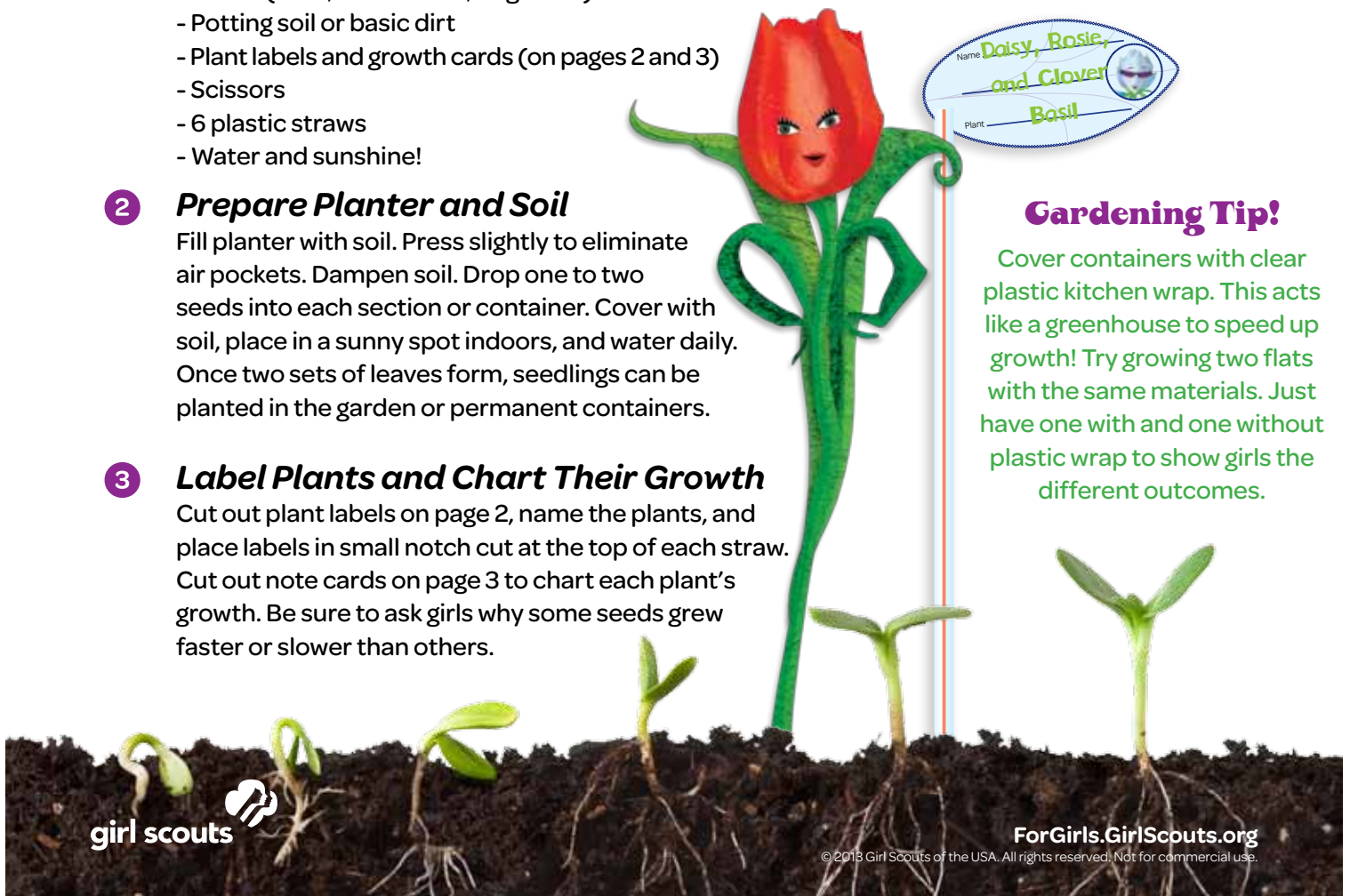


Materials



Gardening Tip!

Cover containers with clear plastic kitchen wrap. This acts like a greenhouse to speed up growth! Try growing two flats with the same materials. Just have one with and one without plastic wrap to show girls the different outcomes.



Name _____

Plant _____

A green leaf-shaped growth card with a dotted border. It features a circular inset on the left containing a cartoon daisy with a smiling face. The main body of the card has faint orange veins and two horizontal green lines for writing.

Name _____

Plant _____

A light blue leaf-shaped growth card with a dashed border. It features a circular inset on the left containing a blue flower with a purple butterfly on it. The main body of the card has faint purple veins and two horizontal blue lines for writing.

Name _____

Plant _____

A purple leaf-shaped growth card with a solid border. It features a circular inset on the left containing a pink rose with a smiling face. The main body of the card has faint purple veins and two horizontal purple lines for writing.

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PLANT LABELS AND
GROWTH CARDS

Name _____

Plant _____

An orange leaf-shaped growth card with a dashed border. It features a circular inset on the left containing a sunflower with a smiling face. The main body of the card has faint orange veins and two horizontal orange lines for writing.

Name _____

Plant _____

A red leaf-shaped growth card with a dashed border. It features a circular inset on the left containing a red bell pepper with a smiling face. The main body of the card has faint red veins and two horizontal red lines for writing.

Name _____

Plant _____

A yellow-green leaf-shaped growth card with a scalloped border. It features a circular inset on the left containing a green flower with a smiling face. The main body of the card has faint orange veins and two horizontal green lines for writing.

Name _____

Plant _____

Week 1 _____

Week 2 _____

Week 3 _____

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