

Starting Seeds

Gardening is the perfect way to get kids excited about digging in the dirt. There are so many great lessons that kids (and adults too) can learn in the garden. Everything from how plants grow to patience and perseverance.

This step is unnecessary if you are purchasing new seeds: The kids found some seed packets in the basement and asked if they could have them. Since I didn't know how old the seed packets were, we decided to see if they would germinate before planting them.

We lined the lid of a clear plastic bin with moist paper towels and lined up all the seeds on the paper towel. This was a bit of a slow process, but since the kids were putting more than one type of seeds in a bin we didn't want a mix up.

Place another moist paper towel over the seeds. Spray the towel gently with water to keep everything moist. Place the upturned clear plastic bin onto the lid, creating a mini greenhouse

Place your little green houses in a warm sunny location. Make sure you are checking on the seeds often so they don't dry out. The kids sprayed them with water in the morning before school and then again when they got home from school.

Once the seeds started sprouting, the kids placed them into little Dixie cups. They planted 2 seeds in each cup. Make sure to poke a hole in the bottom of the cups for water drainage. The kids discovered this the hard way after a huge rain storm. They were able to rescue all their little plants, but it was a bit of a mess. Oh well, good lesson to learn for next time:)