



TOILET ROLL SEEDLING CRAFT



As this week is National Gardening Week, we've been making use of our spare time and lock-down supplies to start seeds for our garden.

Using toilet roll type tubes, soil, seeds and a spare waterproof tray this is a great craft to keep children busy and creative, even if it's raining!

If you can't get seeds from the shops, maybe ask a neighbour if they have any spare? You might make a new friend and learn some new gardening tips!....Happy seed sowing!

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Cardboard toilet paper, paper towel, or wrapping paper rolls
- Scissors
- Waterproof tray, plate, or bowl to put seed tubes on
- Twine or Wool
- Seed starting medium or fine Compost or good garden soil
- Seeds : Beans Mint Parsley
 Peas Spinach Cauliflower
 Radish Oregano Lettuce
 Squash Sage Sunflower

...or any other vegetables and flowers you like (courgettes, beans, nasturtiums and sunflowers are easier for toddlers to handle).





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First cut toilet paper rolls in half

Cut about 8-9 slits about halfway down the toilet



Once the slits are cut, you can fold the strips down so that they overlap each other.



Set the tubes in a waterproof tray. You can wrap twine or string around the tubes to keep them together.

Fill the toilet rolls with the soil seedling mix, about 1/2 way up the toilet roll.



It doesn't matter if the soil goes out of the toilet rolls and into the plastic container.



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Place a few seeds in each toilet roll.

Some of the seeds are so tiny, so sprinkle a few and hope for the best.

***It's interesting to talk about the shape, colour and size of the different seeds with the children.*

Cover the seeds with the soil, until the toilet roll is about 3/4 full



For identification purposes, mark the name of the plant on the tube, with a lolly stick or a peg.



Give the seeds a good water and then continue to keep moist. (Spray bottles are great for this!)

Put them where there is light or sun, check daily for dryness and continue to water...in 2-4 weeks they will be ready to plant in the garden.

All you have to do is plop these right into the soil.

No need to take them out of the rolls because they are biodegradable.



HAPPY & SAFE GARDENING!!