Mahoney's GARDENING

Plant People

Overview: Homemade plant people are the perfect activity for a cold or rainy afternoon.

Materials:

- Pair of pantyhose
- Potting soil
- Grass seed
- Miscellaneous craft supplies
- Craft glue or glue gun

Time to Complete: 30 minutes	Location: Indoor or Outdoor
Ages: 5 to 10	Season: All seasons



Instructions:

You can make your own plant person from a pair of old pantyhose, a little bit of soil, and some grass seed!

- 1. Cut a 6- to 8-inch-long piece of pantyhose (any color will work). 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 pantyhose bag.
- 2. Next, scoop 2 to 3 teaspoons of grass seed into the closed end. Fill the rest of the hose with potting mix and tie the hose closed. Use your hands to gently shape the ball into a head shape.
- 3. Place the head in a shallow dish with the grass seed side on top. Use craft pieces such as googly eyes, buttons, pompom balls, felt, and chenille sticks to make eyes, a nose, a mouth, and arms. Attach with craft glue or a glue gun.
- 4. After the glue has dried/cooled, carefully water your new plant person until the soil is thoroughly moist and place it in a warm location. Check on it daily to ensure the soil stays moist (if it seems to dry out quickly, you can keep a reservoir of water in your dish). Within 3 to 5 days, your new plant person will begin to grow "hair."
- 5. Once the hair is established, you can give them a haircut or just let it grow and see how long it will get. If you have time and supplies, make more than one to create a whole family of plant people!

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