

## GLOVE GARDENS

### Goal

This activity will enhance children's understanding of plants and how they grow, and will give children the opportunity to take responsibility for the care of a living thing.

### Materials

- Gloves
- Cotton balls
- 5 kinds of seeds
- Water droppers
- Water
- Ownership Agreements
- Pens or pencils
- Small stickers (circle dots)

### How to Do it

1. Give each child a plastic glove.
2. Place a cotton ball in each finger of the glove.
3. Add one seed to each finger, placing the seed on top of the cotton ball. Use a different type of seed for each finger.
4. Use a sticker dot to label each finger with the type of seed it holds.
5. Use the water droppers to add one drop of water to each seed.
6. Hang the gloves in a window by taping them to the glass.

### Discussion Questions

- Discuss with children their predictions for the seeds. *What will the seeds need in order to grow? Which seed will grow the fastest? Which will grow the largest?*
- Chart their predictions.
- Have children sign the Glove Garden Owner's Agreement outlining what they will do to take care of the garden.
- Create and display an "observation" chart. Each day, ask children to observe and report any changes they see. Have them measure the growth with a ruler, and chart the growth of the plants.

### Extension Activity

Children can make a garden journal in which they document their plants growth in several ways. They can observe their plants and draw what they see with colored pencils or markers. They can also write in their journals about the changes they see taking place, and what kind of care they provided for their plants to help them grow.



## GLOVE GARDENS OWNER'S AGREEMENT

What does a plant need to grow? How can you help? Place a check next to each responsibility you agree to take on as the owner of your Glove Garden.

I'll place my Glove Garden in a window where it can get sunlight.

When the cotton dries out, I'll put a little water in each fingertip.

I'll move the baby plants to larger homes once they have sprouted.  
(Once it's warm, you can move your plants into the ground outside.)

I'll make sure my plants have plenty of water.

I'll watch my plants grow.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_



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