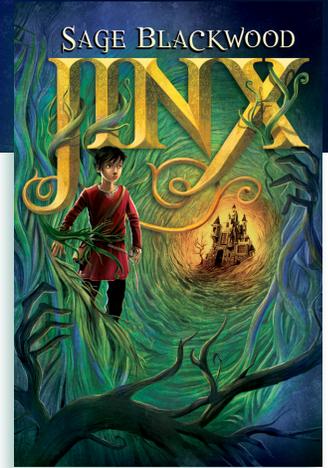


PLANTING ACTIVITY



Jinx has a special relationship with the Urwald, the forest in which he lives. (Trolls, werewolves, and werechipmunks also live there!) While the Urwald can be a terrifying place, Jinx comes to learn that he is part of the forest, and that all the creatures of the Urwald are interconnected. Jinx even has the special ability to understand the trees, an ability he first develops by focusing on the part of them that most don't see—the roots. Follow the instructions below so that you can watch all the pieces of a plant, including the roots, grow.



“I think you'd kind of have to listen to their roots. If you wanted to hear trees talk.” —Jinx



Materials



- Half-gallon milk carton
- Scissors
- Clear piece of plastic (hint: an old plastic container that you can cut up works well)
- Tape
- Potting soil
- Seeds of vegetables with large roots, such as carrots or radishes
- Pan or tray
- Cardboard



Instructions



- Step 1:** Cut off the top of the milk carton. Punch a few holes in the bottom of the carton so excess water can drain.
- Step 2:** Cut a window in the side of the milk carton. This is how you will see the roots grow, so make sure it is big enough!
- Step 3:** Take your clear piece of plastic and make sure it is slightly bigger than the window. If necessary, cut a piece from an old plastic container. If you do, make sure an adult is around—the plastic will be difficult to cut!
- Step 4:** Tape the plastic to the inside of the carton so that it covers the window.
- Step 5:** Now fill the milk carton with potting soil. Plant seeds of carrots, radishes, or other root vegetables right up against the side of the carton where the window is.
- Step 6:** Set the carton on a pan or tray to collect the excess water, then water the seeds well.
- Step 7:** Tilt the carton slightly, so that the roots will grow right up against the window. Use a piece of cardboard, or other object, to raise the side of the carton opposite the window.
- Step 8:** Water the plant regularly, and make sure it has exposure to sunlight. Now, like Jinx, you're understanding the ways trees grow!

Safety Note: When making crafts, it is important to keep safety in mind. Children should always ask permission from an adult before using scissors.

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