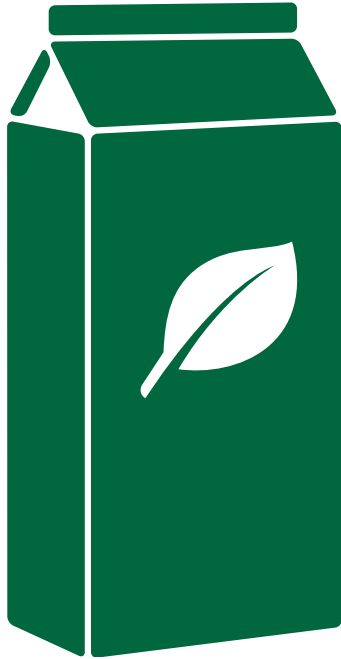




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# Milk Carton Planters

Use milk cartons to grow flowers with your students! Make a milk carton pot, fill it with soil, plant a seed and watch it grow.



## Materials

- One milk carton per student (have students save from lunchroom)
- Soil
- Seeds (free flower seeds can be found on the web or through local nurseries or garden clubs)



### Curriculum Connection

Students learn what a plant needs to grow, stages of plant growth and plant parts.

## How To

1. Cut slanted parts of the top off milk carton so you are left with a square, straight-sided pot.
2. Have students write their name on the side of their plant pot.
3. Fill the milk carton 3/4 full with soil.
4. Sprinkle a few seeds of choice on top of the soil.
5. Add a small handful of soil to cover the seeds.
6. Place plant pot where it will receive sunshine.
7. Water regularly.
8. Watch your plant grow!

**Extension:** Have students record their observations in their journals as they watch their plant grow.

## Have more cartons? Make a bird feeder!

Attach a scrap of string to the top, cut out the middle segment creating a hole big enough for a small, backyard bird to get at the seeds in the base. Keep a journal nearby to take notes on the different wildlife your feeder attracts.

