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Show Off Your
Unconventional
Planter



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Objective

In this lesson, learners will discover gardening can be done anywhere. Gardening does not always require a lot of space or a raised bed. Anyone can garden in any space or container they have available.



Materials



- Potting soil for fruits and vegetables
- Seeds or starters of your choice (e.g., tomatoes, cilantro, sunflowers, radishes)
- Water
- Any container available, get creative! (can, old desk drawer, tea pots/cups, mugs, milk cartons, an old boot/shoe)

Preparation

Some preparation may be need for certain containers. It is important for planters or pots to have a way to drain. In order to ensure your container will be successful, check to see if your container already has some holes to drain water and if not, create some!

Steps Of The Lesson

1. Engage

Ask learners: How much space do you need to grow a garden?

Explain: You can plant fruits and vegetables in almost any container! It is not necessary to have pots or raised beds to have a functioning garden; anything can be used as a planter! All you need is seeds, soil, and water!

2. Ask

Ask learners: What containers or items do we already have at home that we can transform into a planter for fruits, vegetables, flowers, or herbs?

Brainstorm ideas and begin collecting the items that can be used as a planter!

3. Create your garden

- 1) Fill your container with soil so that it is nearly filled to the top, then soak the soil with water and allow it to drain. Your soil should be completely moistened and somewhat spongy now; be sure it is not sopping wet or muddy.
- 2) Plant your seeds according to the package directions; or, if using a starter, dig a hole large enough to fit the roots. Then, cover your roots or seeds with soil.
- 3) Be sure to soak the soil again with water. The soil should still feel like a sponge at this point.
- 4) Check your plants daily and make sure to water them. Leave them in a sunny location.
- 5) Share it! We want to see your unconventional planter! Tag @f2icenter or use the hashtag #F2SatHome to show off your unconventional planter!