

MATERIALS

Large, clear balloons

Markers

Ribbons

Funnels

Measuring cups

Towels or wipes

Radish seeds

1/2 cup potting soil (per student)

1/4 cup water (per student)

BALLOON PLANTS

1. Insert a funnel into the neck of the balloon. Use it to pour soil into the balloon.
2. Pour the water into the balloon. Be sure the soil is wet, but not soggy.
3. Drop the seeds through the funnel into the balloon.
4. If the balloon is dirty, clean it with the towel or wipes.
5. Inflate and tie the balloon, adding a ribbon around the knot to hang the balloon.
6. Hang the balloon from a hook or other place near a window. The balloon plant will begin growing soon.
7. Have students check their balloons daily and chart their plant's growth for 10 days.

Could these plants grow in the balloons forever? Will they run out of anything? Where do plants get food? Where do plants get carbon dioxide? Do plants need water to live?

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