

# Children's University Club Challenge:

## Make Your Own Grass Head!



You will need –

- A base for your head such as an empty yoghurt pot, plant pot or an old cup
- Old pair of tights
- Scissors
- Elastic band, string or cotton.
- Grass seed
- Mud or sawdust
- Items to decorate your head with such as googly eyes, paper or card, felt tip pens.



**Step 1** – Cut the foot off from the old pair of tights, at least 30 cm to start with and place in a cup with the open side folded over the top of the cup (this will hold the opening for you)

**Step 2** – Place in grass seed, but don't forget the more grass seed you put in the more hair you will end up with!

**Step 3** – Fill the rest of the tight up with your mud or sawdust. But leaving enough material to tie the head and have at least 310cm of material that hangs down once it is tied.

**Step 4** – Once your head is filled and tied securely, shape the head to make it rounder so that it will sit in the base you have chosen.

**Step 5** – Time to Decorate! You would be better starting with the nose, to do this grab some of your filling through the tights and twist it. This can then be secured with an elastic band, string or cotton. Then add on your eyes and mouth!

**Step 6** – Once you have finished decorating, fill your base 2/3 with water and place your grass head into the base with the grass side facing up and the spare tight that should be dangling underneath placed in the water. Then water the top of your head with 1/4 cup of water.

### Tips

- If you don't have googly eyes, felt etc, you can always draw the face features, cut them out and stick them to your grass head.
- Check the water daily under the grass head to see if it needs topping up
- Store your grass head somewhere when sunlight can reach it!
- Be patient, sometimes it can take a little while for grass to grow.
- Finally decide what to call your grass head because everyone needs a name.

Could you try and keep a growing diary and record the stages of the grass growing process? You could record things such as the first day you noticed the grass grow, or how tall you grew it until it needed a cut.

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