



Just For Fun!

Walworth County 4-H Cloverpatch Activity **Clover Creations**

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CREATE!

Imagine. Plan. Design. Grow. Nurture. This county *Cloverpatch Activity* is intended to spark your creativity and engage your green thumb. Choose one of the options below or **design your own** as you plant **clover seeds** to **create**. Then, take a selfie with your creation and post it on social media with the hashtag **#Walco4HFamilyChallenge**.

If you are lucky enough to grow a 4-leaf clover, email a picture of you and the clover to walco4h@gmail.com. You will automatically receive a 4-H prize.

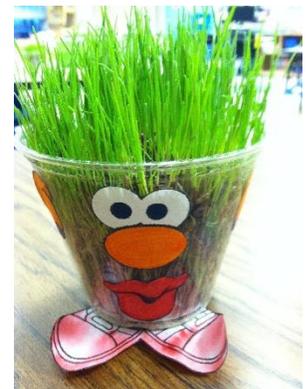
Questions to consider after your activity.

Which "Clover Creations" activity did you decide to do? What did you learn as you completed the activity? How will you share what you did with others? What else could you do with clover seeds?

Clover Kid In A Cup

Supplies Needed

Plastic Cup	Potting soil	Clover seed
Scissors	Construction paper	Markers or crayons
Cool glue gun, glue dots, or craft glue		
Miscellaneous craft supplies: googly eyes, lace, adhesive gems, fabric, etc.		



Directions

- 1) Use craft supplies of your choice to decorate your cup to look like a "kid" who has no hair.
- 2) When it looks the way you like it, fill the cup $\frac{3}{4}$ full of potting soil.
- 3) Moisten the soil with water and allow the water to settle.
- 4) Sprinkle $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon clover seed all over the top of the soil.
- 5) Then add just enough soil on top to cover the clover seed up (about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick).
- 6) Moisten the clover seed by pouring a bit more water on top.
- 7) Place your Clover Kid in a sunny location, and add water whenever the dirt at the top looks and feels dry. Your Clover Kid's hair should start to grow in a few days.

Adaptation Idea

Instead of making a "kid" in a cup, why not try making a "critter" in a cup? Consider using a yellow plastic cup to make a chicken head with a crazy comb, or a lion's head with a crazy mane, or any number of other animals with unique hair-dos.

Clover Buddy Planter

Supplies Needed

1 knee-high pantyhose Potting soil
Rubber bands Clover seed (or grass seed)
1 clean, empty soup can (tape edge if sharp)
Cool glue gun, glue dots, or craft glue
Miscellaneous decorating supplies: scissors, googly eyes, construction paper, felt, bling, lace, paint pen, markers, duct tape, etc.



Directions

- 1) Pour $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon clover seed into the toe portion of knee-high pantyhose. *This will become your buddy's hair when it grows.*
- 2) Make your buddy's head by pouring $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups of potting soil in on top of the seed. Adjust the amount of soil according to how big you want your buddy's head to be. When you are satisfied with the size and shape, tie a knot to hold the soil in place.
- 3) If you wish, use rubber bands to section off small balls on the head to form a 3D nose, ears, etc. Use glue to attach googly eyes and earrings as desired. *Be sure you don't decorate the very top of your buddy's head, or your clover seed won't be able to grow.*
- 4) Use craft supplies to decorate your buddy's body (the soup can).
- 5) Once the glue you have used is dry, you can assemble your buddy. To do this, quickly and gently dunk the head of your buddy into a deep container of water; then remove it. Do this a few times until the soil inside the head is moist, but not soaking wet.
- 6) Then, fill the soup can $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water. Put the pantyhose tail into the water, and rest your buddy's head on the soup can rim. Your buddy is now complete!
- 7) Set your buddy in a location where it will get plenty of sunlight, and add water as needed to keep the soup can $\frac{3}{4}$ full. *Your buddy's hair should start to grow in just a few days.*

Adapted from

Sophie's World. *How to Make a Grow Buddy*. Available at: <https://www.sophie-world.com/crafts/how-make-grow-buddies>. "How-to" video included.

Clover Fairy Garden

Building and maintaining fairy gardens is a popular pastime for all ages. Whether whimsical, realistic, or somewhere in between, fairy gardens give us a chance to create tiny fanciful places we might *wish* we could visit if we were only an inch or two tall. Use clover seeds to design a fairy garden YOU would visit if you could. Grow it by itself in a small garden or as one of many plants in a larger one. Lots of stores sell fairy garden supplies, but the best ones are those you build yourself using natural items, tiny toys, and craft supplies.



Design Your Own Idea

Think creatively about what you can do and plant with clover seed. When your design is complete, be sure to email a picture of your completed product to walco4h@gmail.com so we can let others know about your creativity!

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