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## Activities at Home

### DIY Kitchen Windowsill Herb Garden

#### MATERIALS

- Containers, mason jar, or empty soda bottles (6-12 inches deep with drainage holes and waterproof saucers)
- Decorative rocks for drainage
- Herb seeds or plants (Basil, cilantro, mint, dill, oregano, rosemary, sage, and thyme)
- Potting soil or soilless seed-starting mix

#### STEP 1

Sunlight is the best friend of all plants that need it to grow healthy. So, make sure they get plenty of it. Choose a window set up in your home that will give your herbs or plants an adequate amount of sunlight so they can grow big and strong.

#### STEP 2

Pick your choice of container. Be sure containers have drainage holes and waterproof saucers. If you are using mason jars, wash them with hot soapy water and rinse well before planting. Add a layer of rocks to the bottom for better drainage since there are no holes to let excess water escape. Add the seeds or the plants. Fill a layer of potting soil into the jar if you will be adding plants. If you are planting seeds, fill the jar almost to the top.

#### STEP 3

Herbs do not like sitting in wet soil, so water lightly to wet the soil. Occasionally poke your finger into the soil to see if it is dry. If it is dry another inch or two below the surface, it is time to water.

#### STEP 4

When you see your plant growing, you can start using your herbs. Snip and use your plants often to encourage full, bushy growth. The more you snip, the bushier your plant will become.

#### LIBRARY RESOURCES

- [The Cook's Herb Garden](#) [book]
- [Herb Garden Month by Month](#) [eBook]
- [New Book of Herbs](#) [book]
- [Cooking With Herbs](#) [book]
- [How to Grow Anything](#) [lecture series]
- [Gale Courses: Start Your Own Edible Garden](#) [online learning]