

Cow Seeds

Great Earth Day Activity! This is a fun activity for kids of all ages and is a great opportunity to explain how plants grow. Also makes a great novelty gift.

What You'll Need:

- *Large white dried beans
- *Permanent black marker
- *Small sandwich bag
- *Cow Seeds Instructions (see Word File)
- *Stapler
- *Flower pot with soil, or other spot to plant seeds

Preparation:

- *Use the black marker to draw black cow spots on the white seeds.
- *Place 5 to 6 seeds in each bag.
- *Print out Cow Seeds Instructions. (Each sheet will make 6 instruction cards.)
- *Staple the Cow Seeds Instructions to the bag.

Activity:

- *Hand each child a bag of cow seeds and instructions.
- *Plant the seeds. Make sure they get water and sun, don't forget to "moo" and your bean plants will be here in no time! *(The seeds will grow better if they are soaked overnight first, but this is not necessary.)*

Suggested resources:

- The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
- <http://www.reachoutmichigan.org/funexperiments/quick/seeds.html> -- another great seed activity
- http://www.flowersplants.net/Seeds/How-do-seeds-grow90_AR.aspx (for older kids -- How Do Seeds Grow?)



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Herd Starter Kit

Directions:

1. Plant seeds in a warm spot, right-side-up. Cows will grow upside down if planted wrong.
2. For best results, moo softly while watering.
3. Be patient - it takes a long time to start your own herd.

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