



Dibble it

Children's segment 12/12/2015

The Bean Tepee

Week one

You will need.

1 packet of Runner bean seeds

1 bag of potting mix

10 small pots or recycled plastic yoghurt or fruit containers

What to do.

Soak 10 runner bean seeds in warm water over night.

Next day, Fill the 10 small pots with potting mix.

Put the rest of the bag of potting mix away safely for next week.

Plant one runner bean seed into each pot and water them in.

Sit the pots in a warm place and make sure they don't dry out.

Keep an eye out to see if the beans are starting to grow.

Talk to your parents about an area in the garden where you can set up your Tepee. (Parents always like to know what's going on in advance)

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Children's segment 19/12/2015

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Week 2

You will need.

2 short sticks (about 30 to 40 centimetres long and a 70 centimetre long piece of string, (baling twine will do)

10 Bean Poles 2metres long, (These are just 3 centimetre diameter sticks and they don't have to be exactly straight)

6 or 8 twigs or sticks about 40 centimetres long and 10 centimetres round

Twine, green tie wire or baling twine.

A spade to dig holes with

What to do.

Tie one end of the baling twine or string to each of the two short sticks. Use this to mark a circle on the ground by pushing one stick into the ground and walking around it using the other stick like a big pencil to mark the ground.



Now mark places on the line 40 centimetres apart for where you will dig holes. You should have 10 marks

Dig the holes as deep as the blade of the spade (just the bit that holds the soil)

Put one bean pole in each hole and get a parent to help you to tie all the tops together.

Fill the holes in to hold the poles in place and then put a couple of handfuls of the potting mix you saved from last week around each beanpole.

Use the short twigs and baling twine to make windows and a doorway.

Your Tepee is now ready for you to plant out your bean seedlings when they are big enough