

# Let's Get Moving

## Science

### Grow a Radish in a Balloon

Growing radishes in a balloon is a wonderful activity. Kids will love preparing their garden and watching their plants grow inside a colored bubble. It will also show them how easy it is to grow plants in a closed environment.

#### YOU WILL NEED:

Balloons (clear or light color)  
Premium potting mix  
Funnel  
Ribbon  
Radish seed, because it is fast!



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Hold a balloon firmly by the neck. Use a funnel, and pour a cup of potting mix into the balloon. Don't turn the balloon over.
2. Keep holding the balloon by the neck. Add about 1/4 cup of water through the funnel. Be sure the soil in the balloon is wet. It shouldn't be soggy, though.
3. Use the funnel to drop the radish seeds into the balloon. Don't turn the balloon over. If the balloon is dirty, wipe it carefully with a washcloth.
4. Keep holding the balloon gently by the neck and carefully blow air into the balloon. Don't let the balloon tip over.
5. Tie a knot in the neck to keep the air in the balloon and put a ribbon around the knot.
6. Place the balloon on a window sill or hang from a hook so that the neck remains upwards. The seed will begin growing in just days. Make sure it is not getting too much sun through the window as it might cook.