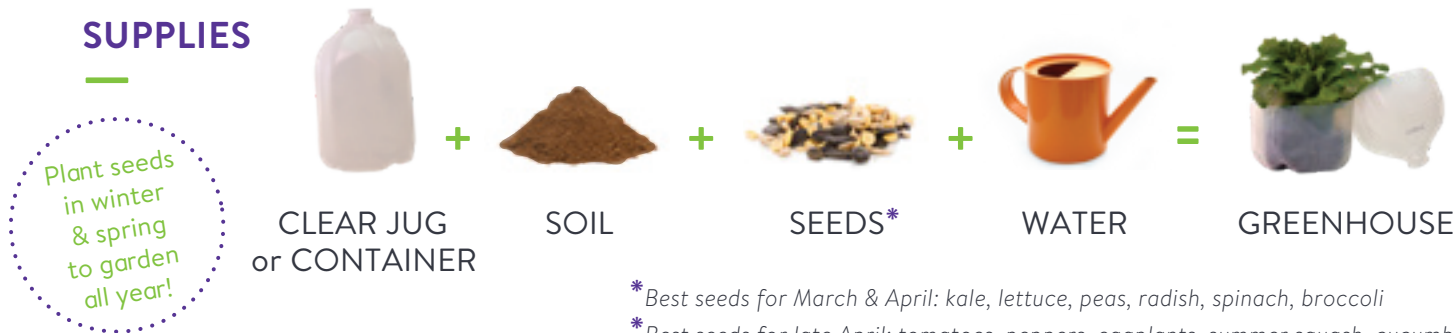


## LET'S EXPERIMENT: GREENHOUSE IN A JUG

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Grow veggies at home without a garden by turning any clear plastic jug into a mini greenhouse! Your greenhouse in a jug gives seeds a chance to germinate (sprout) when the light and temperature are just right.

### SUPPLIES



### OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED

- BOX CUTTER OR CUTTING TOOL
  - SCREWDRIVER OR KNIFE
  - PLANT LABEL (PLASTIC PLANT LABEL, WOODEN STICK)
  - DUCT TAPE
  - PERMANENT MARKER
- SAFETY FIRST! HAVE ADULTS HELP!**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean your container, throw away cap.
2. Poke drainage holes in container bottoms using a knife or screwdriver.
3. For milk/water jugs, cut a horizontal line from one side of handle around to the other side, leaving a hinge. Do not cut off the entire top.
4. Pre-moisten soil to a muddy consistency in a large tub. Mix well.
5. Fill containers with moistened potting mix, just below the cut line of the jug. Lightly level.
6. Plant seeds according to package depth directions. If seeds are tiny, cover with a sprinkle of potting mix to ensure good seed-to-soil contact. **Tip:** you can plant the seeds closer than recommended and then divide them as small plants.
7. Make a plant label for each container with permanent marker.
8. Place labels near edge of containers with print facing toward the outside of container so you can see what each veggie is.
9. Close container and seal jug with duct tape (torn into 6-inch lengths). **Remember:** there should be no cap on the container.
10. Label the outside of containers with a permanent marker.
11. Place outside on the south or sunniest area of your home. Snuggle containers together and wait for snow and rain to insulate and water them.