

Train Track Garden

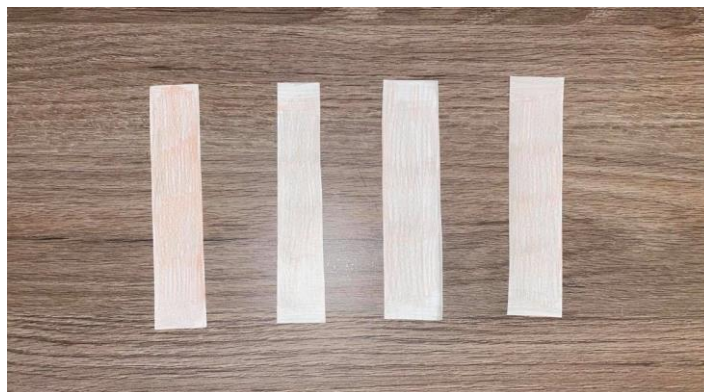


Materials Needed:

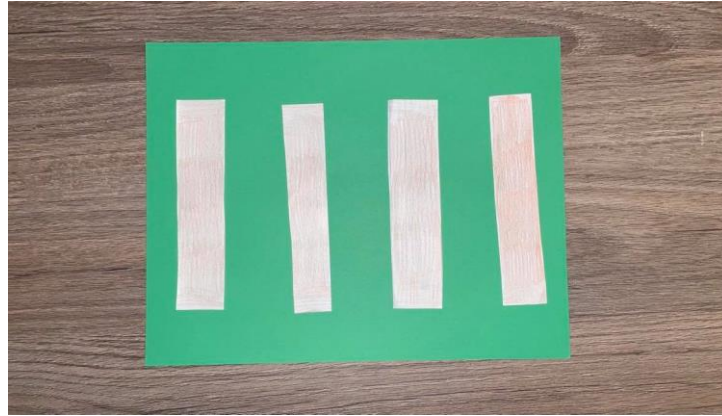
- ✓ Green paper
- ✓ Brown paper
- ✓ Black/grey paper
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Wildflowers (you can pick dandelions, crocuses, or any other small flower that you find growing in the grass!)
- ✓ Tape (alternative option)

Steps:

1. Draw 4 short, wide rectangles on brown paper and cut them out.



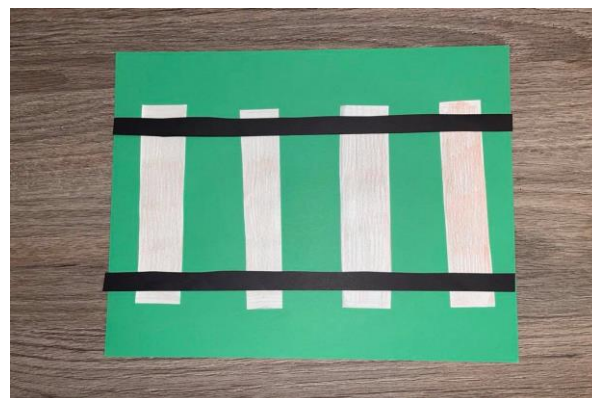
2. Glue the tracks along the middle of your green paper. Try to space them out evenly!



3. Make a mark 1/2 an inch from the long side of your black paper and use the edge of your ruler to draw a straight line to the other side. Repeat this one more time measuring from the line you just drew. Cut them out to create the rails!



4. Glue the rails over the tracks. There should be a little bit of the brown rectangles above and below the rails as shown below.



5. Use your pencil to poke at least one hole between each brown piece of the track and push the stem of one of your flowers through it. To have more flowers in your secret garden, poke more holes! (Alternative: if you do not want to poke holes through your paper, you can lay the flower in the green openings and tape down the stem.)



Additional Skill Practice:

Here are some additional skills you can work on with your kiddo related to this craft:

- 1:1 counting - count how many flowers you have in your garden.
- Color identification – what colors are in your garden?
- Prepositions – where are the flowers? (in, on, or next to the tracks)