

Know & Show Sombrero

Objective: To make wearable works of art that show an understanding of the benefits of plants to people.

Time: 1 hour.

Materials: 2-inch clear tape, newspaper, miscellaneous art supplies (markers, yarn, glitter, pipe cleaners, tissue, etc.).

The junior gardeners will create pieces of wearable art: decorated newspaper hats. Help each individually or have the gardeners choose partners to help make a hat for each member of the JMG group.

Place the middle of two large, square sheets of newspaper on the top of a student's head. Lay the rest of the paper flat against the student's head. Tape around the newspaper starting right over the gardener's ear and continue wrapping until the tape goes all the way around the student's head.



Curl up the edges of the newspaper to form the brim of the hat. Have the gardeners decorate their hats with different art supplies to show what they have learned about the benefits that plants provide us. Have the gardeners be creative—for example, a pair of jeans might be cut out of construction paper and hung to the brim of the hat to show that some plants provide us with clothing.



When all the gardeners are finished, have them show the group their creations and discuss what each decoration means. You may want to have hooks for the gardeners to hang their hats on for storage when they are finished. This is a good activity for students to show they understand the concept. As gardeners learn more concepts in the Plant Growth and Development section, they could add them to their hats.



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