





# the very hungry caterpillar



### Ready to Grow Garden















#6372000 The Very Hungry Caterpillar Ready to Grow Garden

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Quick Growing Garden



Encourage your child to tell their own version of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" while they craft and play.



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#### **GETTING STARTED**

Gardening can get a little messy. Cover your work area and have a cup of water and paper handy. It is helpful to have a plastic spoon for adding the potting mix to your apple container.



#### **DECORATE**

Decorate the outside of the apple container with the leaf and stickers. Do not place stickers over the holes, they allow your garden to get air so it can grow.

Refer to the pictures on the box for ideas.





Peel backing and press your leaf next to the stem.

## PLANT

Open your bag of potting mix and add a little bit of water at a time. Squish the bag until the mix clumps together like clay. If the potting mix is too wet, lay a dry paper towel over to soak up excess water.



Add potting mix



Add white gravel to the front







- Sprinkle chia seeds on top of the potting mix
- Fill up your spray bottle & mist the seeds heavily
- Add caterpillar figure & attach the lid



**PRO-TIP**: Plant just a few seeds at a time. Save the rest to replant later. The chia seeds will not grow if you plant too many seeds too close together.

#### WATER

As your seeds start to grow, spray them with the water mister to keep the soil damp. Use a dry paper towel to remove excess moisture inside the lid.

Over time, your garden will need to be replanted. You can use any leftover materials or buy more potting mix and seeds at your local garden supply store.



Note: as the seeds sprout, you may see some fuzzy mold growth on the chia seeds. Remove the lid and let your garden dry a bit. This growth is not harmful. It is just nature's way of breaking down plant material to make new soil.

