EXPLORING TURF

Materials

- Construction paper
- Crayons (for drawing designs)
- White glue
- Grass seed

DIRECTIONS

Turf grass is a major industry and includes everything from sod farms to golf course and sporting field management.

1. Cut a piece of construction paper into a square or circle about the size of an apple. Use a crayon to draw a simple design such as a star, heart, apple, diamond, initials, etc.

2. Paint a thin, even layer of glue (no bubbles!) over the design.

3. Hold the paper glue-side up over a container and sprinkle grass seed onto the glue. Tip the paper so any excess seed falls back into the container.

4. Place seeded design in a pot and cover with $1/2$" of soil. Place the pot in a sunny warm spot.

Check pot daily, keeping soil moist by watering. The grass will grow in the shape you designed. The paper can also be planted in the garden.

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