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Activity: Milkweed Seedlings

You know what butterflies love??? Milkweed!!! This is a fun, easy to do milkweed seedling wow-to that uses discarded egg-cartons. Follow along and in a few weeks you'll have your very own milkweed seedlings that can be replanted in a pot or garden for all the local butterflies to enjoy!

Materials:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Seed starting soil

- Milkweed seeds
- Water mister (up-cycle a spray bottle)
- Plastic wrap
- Toothpicks

Wow-To:

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- Step 1: Using scissors, cut the lid from the base of the egg carton set the lid aside.
- **Step 2:** Turn the egg carton base upside down and, using the tip of the scissors, poke a small drainage hole in the bottom of each section of the egg carton.
- **Step 3:** Now, fill each section of the egg carton with some soil.
- Step 4: Drop some seeds (according to the package directions) into each section.
- **Step 5:** Now, place the dirt filled egg carton into the lid which will act as a tray and collect any excess water.
- Step 6: Lightly water the seeds. Use an old spray bottle as a water mister.
- **Step 7:** Wrap a piece of plastic wrap, loosely over the entire container. Use a toothpick to poke a few holes in the plastic wrap, this will let the humid air out.
- **Step 8:** Place the egg carton in a warm spot with indirect sunlight.
- **Step 9:** Water your seedlings every day. When the seedlings start to grow you can remove the plastic wrap.
- **Step 10:** In a few weeks you'll have milkweed seedlings that can be replanted in a pot or garden for butterflies to enjoy!