



**GARDENING TRY-IT**  
**MORRIS AREA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL'S**  
**OWN COUNCIL TRY-IT**



New Jersey is known as the Garden State.  
Start with Requirement 1 before completing three of the other requirements.

- ① **The Garden State** ... Find out why New Jersey is called the Garden State. What are the State flower and tree? What crops are produced in New Jersey?
- ② **Finding Your Green Thumb** ... Grow flowers from seeds or try rooting a carrot or sweet potato.  
↳ To root a carrot, you will need:
  - a) Carrot
  - b) Small dish
  - c) WaterCut the carrot so that you have 1-1 ½" of top and throw away the rest. Place what you have left in the dish and fill it with enough water to cover at least half of the carrot. Look for roots and leaves to sprout.
- ③ **Decorate** ... Decorate a flowerpot for your new seedlings. You will need:
  - a) a clay flowerpot
  - b) white paint
  - c) ½" square 'mosaic' tiles (made from construction paper or tissue paper)
  - d) diluted Elmer's glue (equal parts of water & glue).Paint clay flower pot white. With paintbrush or sponge, cover the pot with a thin layer of diluted glue. Place mosaic tiles around pot in desired pattern. Let it dry and coat tiles with a thin layer of the diluted glue.
- 4) **Make the Earth a Little Greener** ... Plant a tree(s) (Contact the National Arbor Foundation to find out how to get free trees to plant.) or gather acorns to donate to the Forestry Department.
- 5) **See How they Drink** ... to see what happens with this experiment you will need:
  - a) A white carnation with 6" stem
  - b) Small cup
  - c) Food coloringPut 2" of water into the small cup. Add 12 drops of food coloring. Place the carnation into the cup. Check the flower for the next day or two. How can you tell that the flower is drinking water?
- ⑥ **Have 'dirt' for dessert** ... enjoy this special treat with your troop or family:

**Ingredients**

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| 2 small packages instant chocolate pudding           | 3 ½ cups of milk             |
| 1 tub of frozen whipped topping (thawed)             | 8 oz. cream cheese, softened |
| 1 cup confectioners sugar                            | ½ cup margarine              |
| 1 small bag of Oreo cookies, crushed                 | 12 gummy worms               |
| 1 flower pot, <b>new &amp; cleaned</b> or large bowl |                              |

**Instructions**

Mix pudding and milk until thick. Add whipped topping and set aside. In another bowl, mix together cream cheese, confectioners sugar, and margarine until smooth. Then add to pudding mixture, mix on medium speed until well blended. Scoop into flower pot, alternating layers with pudding mixture, cookie crumbs, worms. End with cookie crumbs so it looks like dirt in the flowerpot. Refrigerate 1 or 2 hours. Insert some plastic flowers so it looks like flowers are growing in the flowerpot.

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