



Solar Graphics

Making Blueprints from the Garden

Hillermann's
Kids' Club

The sun is a mighty powerful energy source. Its warmth and light give your plants the energy they need to grow.

Most plants need about six hours of bright, direct sunlight each day. Marigolds and petunias love the sun. Other plants, like impatiens and fuchsias, like shadier spots.

Today, we're going to do an experiment to demonstrate how powerful the sun is, even though it is about 91.4 MILLION miles away.



WHAT YOU NEED:

- Solar Graphics Sun Sensitive paper
- Leaves, flowers and other natural objects
- Your creativity!

WHAT TO DO:

Take a piece of the special, sun sensitive paper. Lay it flat on the table, white side down, blue side up. Arrange several of the items from the garden on the paper. Expose to sunlight, usually about 3-7 minutes. Then, in the shade, "fix" the photographic paper in a tray of water for at least 2 minutes. You'll be able to watch the color fade. Dry on a flat surface.

You can rubber cement your artwork to a stiff piece of color cardboard and make a frame for it. You'll have a cool nature picture

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