Get Creative!

Start with a box that has a detachable lid like a shoebox. No shoebox? NO problem – improvise!! You can use any box. Use anything that can form the building and any container that can become your living roof.

Helpful steps:
1. Tape the top and bottom of your building together before you start.
2. Line the lid with foil, the plastic wrap. Secure the edges with tape or glue.
3. Fill the lid with moistened potting soil.
4. Plant seeds in soil. Grass seed works great! Or, plant leaf lettuce and you can eventually harvest and eat it!
5. Place your living roof in a sunny location.
6. Water it when the soil becomes mostly dry.

Decorate it to look like a skyscraper, a cabin, or your dream home. Make a whole neighborhood of buildings with living roofs!

Extend the activity by creating walkways between buildings, adding windmills, or even checking if there’s a living roof in your city that you can visit!

Earth Day 2020 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. That’s a big deal!!

Did you know:
The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries round the globe. 

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