

Growing Fruit: Dried Apple Rings

You can **make** a dried apple ring to eat or use as a decoration.

You need: apples (green and red)

heavy string

cheesecloth, pillow case, or kitchen towel



Wash and **dry** the apples. **Ask** an adult to help you **take out** the center, or core, of each apple with a corer. **Cut** each apple into 1/4-inch slices (cross-wise, so you have a hole in the middle of each slice). **Put** the string through the hole in each apple slice like a big necklace, and **tie** the ends together in a knot. **Hang up** the string of apple slices in a dry room. **Cover** your apple "necklace" with the cloth to keep it from getting dusty.

After the apples dry, which could take several days to a week, **take** the apples off the string. **Store** the dried apples in an airtight container to eat as a snack or to bake with later. If you do not want to eat your apple rings, **tie** a bow around them and **hang** them up as holiday decorations.