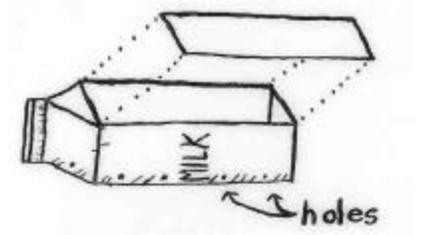## Growing Seeds Indoors: Make a Mini-greenhouse
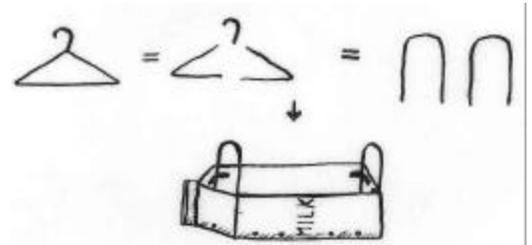
You need:

- half-gallon milk carton

- wire coat hanger

- heavy clear plastic wrap or plastic bags

- wire cutters

- masking tape

- scissors

- the help of a teacher or other adult

1. **Wash** out a half-gallon milk carton. **Lay** it on its side so that the opened spout is up. **Cut** off the top side to form an open box as shown in the drawing. **Punch** holes in the bottom of the carton for drainage of any extra water.

2. Carefully using the wire cutters, **cut** the coat hanger as shown in the drawing. **Bend** each piece of wire so that it makes an arch. **Fit** the two wires into the box as shown. **Tape** the wires into the corners of the box so they stand upright.
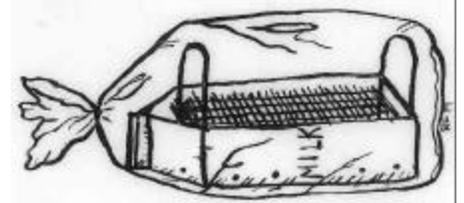
3. You can **fill** your carton with soil mix or with peat pots or pellets. Using peat pots or pellets makes it easier to transplant your seedlings into a garden or larger container.

Plant the seeds you want to grow in the soil or peat pellets. Don't forget to make sure the soil is moist but not too wet.

4. Once the carton is filled, **drape** a piece of plastic over it. The plastic should be large enough to cover the entire box and wires. **Tuck** under the ends. (Make sure you don't close up your drainage holes). **Place** your mini-greenhouse on a tray to catch any water that comes out of the drainage holes.

5. **Make** as many mini-greenhouses as you need for the Growing Seeds Indoors Projects. If you are planning to do other projects (like the Container Gardening Project or Vegetable Gardening Project), **make** enough mini-greenhouses for those plants too. You can also use other types of boxes or nursery flats, but you may need to change the size of the wire or plastic to fit.