Germination Stencil Art Activity

You will need:
- Copy of stencil patterns on white card stock
- Laminating plastic, if possible
- Copy of background sheet (regular white paper is fine)
- X-acto craft knife
- Scissors
- Colored pencils: dark green, light green, brown, yellow

Preparation ahead of time: You will need to make and cut the stencils.

- If possible, laminate the card stock stencil patterns (the ones showing seeds and roots) with laminating plastic. **Make sure the plastic is the kind that actually sticks to the paper, not just around the edges!!**
- Use an X-acto knife to cut out the areas inside the seed and root shapes.

How to use stencils:

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The background sheet has three sections (labeled "Germination"). Each student needs only one. Cut these sections apart and distribute one background to each student.

The stencil pattern sheet has three separate patterns. Students will need to use each stencil once. Students can share these stencils. (For more than a handful of students, you might want to make multiple copies of the stencils so that there is less waiting time for using the shared stencils.)

Supply the students with colored pencils (or markers, although markers will soften the edges of the stencils very quickly, so I don't recommend them).   They should place each stencil right in the center on top of their background sheet and color in the cut-out sections with color indicated. Use the yellow to color the sun.
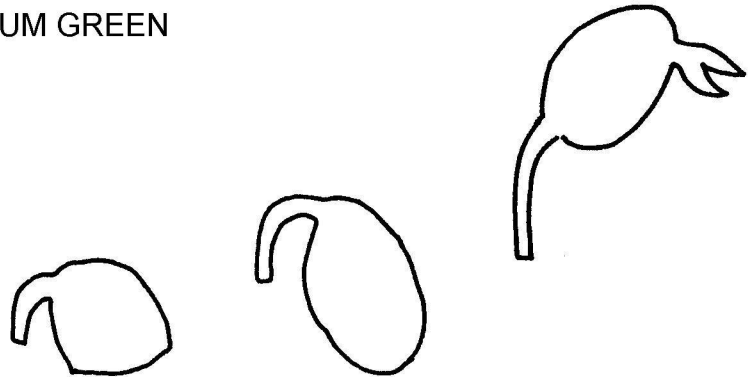
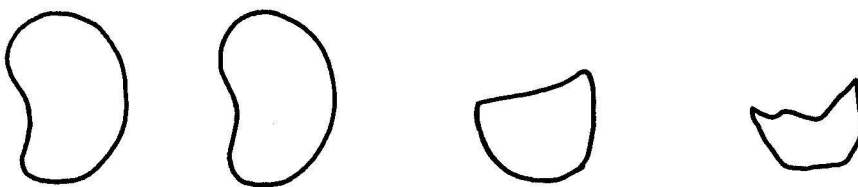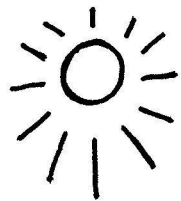Students old enough to write may want to label the parts of the germinating plants.
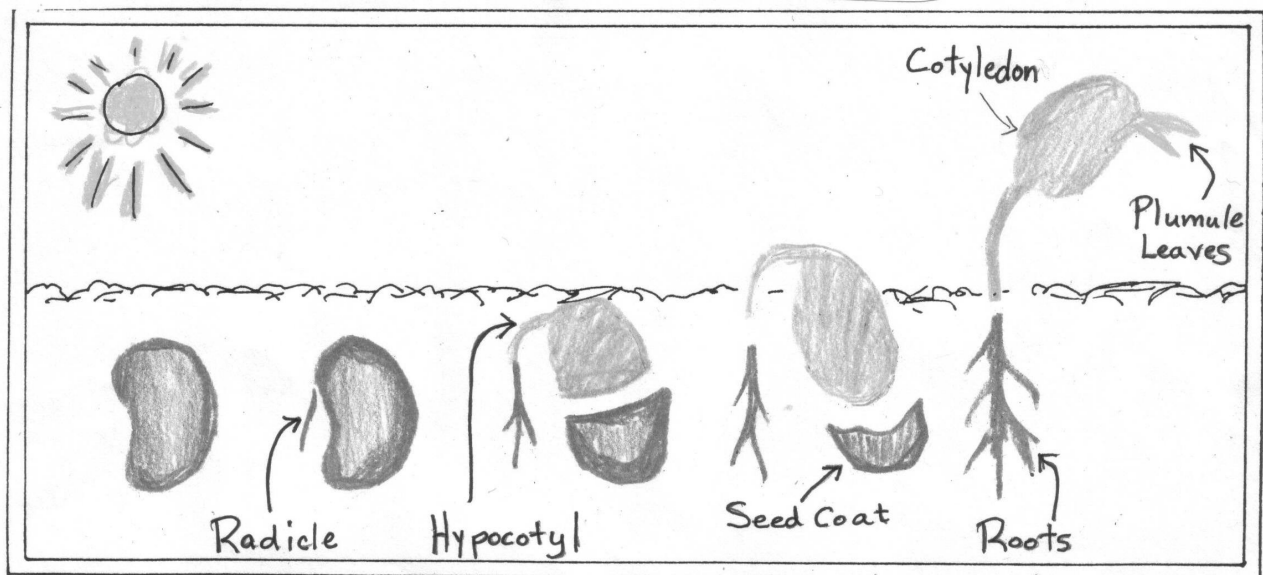
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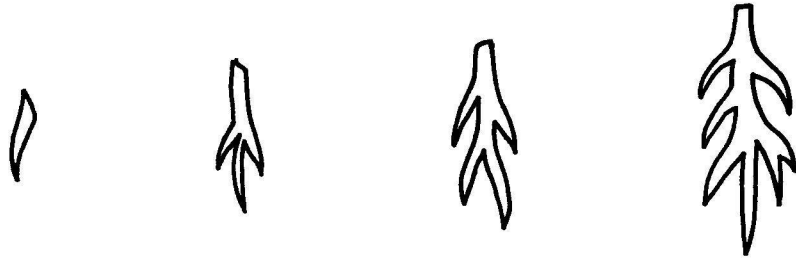
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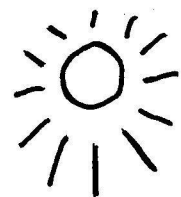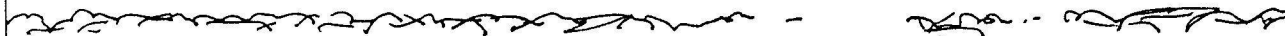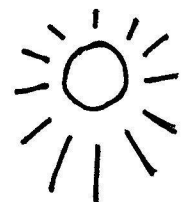USE LIGHT GREEN

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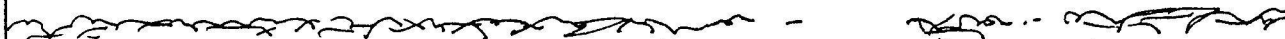
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Copy onto regular paper. Each student needs only one strip, so this paper will make enough for three students.