

Writing a “How-to” Explanation

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Make It Grow

INTRODUCTION

Attention-
grabbing opener
List of materials

Have you ever tried growing ivy from a clipping? It is not as hard to do as it might seem. To get started, the following supplies are needed: an existing ivy plant, a fence or trellis for the ivy to climb, a pan about two inches deep, water, and sunlight.

BODY

Step one

First, cut about seven or eight leaves from the ivy plant. Make sure that you cut above where the leaf joins the stem, and cut at the same angle as the leaf grows. Then, fill the pan with water and place each leaf in the water. Let the leaves soak until they form roots that are about three to four inches long.

Step two

Step three

When the roots reach the desired length, it is time to find the best location for the ivy to grow. Although ivy is a hearty plant, it does need some care when it is grown from a clipping. Look for a place where there is plenty of sunlight, good drainage, and where no animals can damage it. Make sure that

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Step four

there is a fence or trellis in the location for the ivy to climb.

Next, hook the ivy leaves on to the fence or trellis so that the roots are almost touching the ground. As they receive sunlight and moisture from the dew, the roots will grow into

CONCLUSION

the ground and the leaves will continue to sprout upward. In no

Suggestion

time the ivy will be covering the fence or trellis, and you can start all over again!