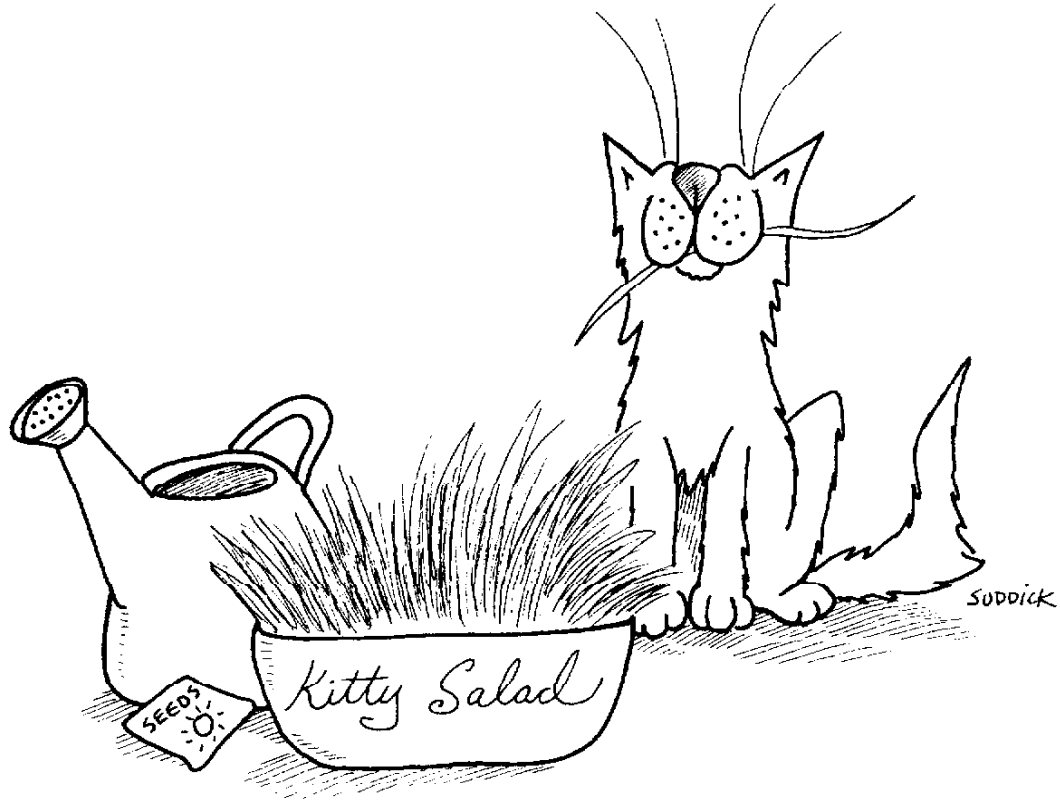


# Growing A Kitty Garden



Do your houseplants look as if someone took a lawn mower to one side? Or do they have little puncture wounds on their leaves? Then chances are you have a cat.

Cats may chew on plants as a form of entertainment, but chewing on plants can be dangerous. There are hundreds of plants that can produce toxic reactions in your feline.

A safe alternative is to grow an indoor mini-lawn for your cats to nibble on. While outside grass can be loaded with deadly fertilizers and pesticides, an indoor mini-lawn provides your cat with a safe, edible source of greenery. Special feline gardens are available commercially or you can start your own kitty garden using a bowl, soil, and some grass seed.

You can grow catnip, too, but monitor how much your cat chews. While catnip isn't generally toxic to cats, too much of the *fresh* plant can overstimulate the central nervous system and may cause a cat to actually injure herself.



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