How to...

CLEAN DIRT FROM YOUR KEYBOARD

It’s no surprise that your computer keyboard can get pretty dirty. After all, you touch the keys often during the day, plus food crumbs and dust have a way of getting caught between the keys. Give your board a quick clean every few weeks with these steps.

1. **Unplug and shake.** If your computer has a separate keyboard, disconnect it from the monitor. If you have a laptop, unplug it and turn off the power. Turn over the keyboard and gently shake it and tap the back to loosen crumbs.

2. **Wipe it off.** Wet a microfiber cloth (like the kind you use to clean eyeglasses) with a little bit of water. Carefully wipe the keys and the areas between the keys. Never spray a cleaning fluid onto the keyboard. This can damage it.

3. **Spot clean.** Dampen the tip of a cotton swab with water to clean dirty keys and swipe narrow areas. Use a toothpick to loosen any stubborn crumbs.

Craft a cute animal from yarn

**What you need**
- Toilet paper or paper towel tube
- Small piece of cardboard cut into a rectangle shape, 2 to 3 inches tall and 2 inches wide
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- Yarn
- 2 paper straws
- Glue (optional)
- Pipe cleaners

**Instructions**
1. Cut tube to 2 to 4 inches long. Then cut it lengthwise, overlap sides so diameter is 1 inch, and tape it back together.
2. Cut the head and neck out of the cardboard rectangle. Keep the neck about 1 inch wide, and trim the head so it gets narrower at the snout. (The shape should look like the number 7.)
3. Cut a slit in the tube and insert the neck. Hold in place with a piece of tape.
4. Cut a small slit in the end of the tube and slip the yarn end into it. Wrap yarn around and around the tube until the body is covered. Next, wrap the yarn up the neck, around the head, and back down to the body.
5. For the legs, pinch the straws in the middle and bend in half, leaving the pinched section about ½ inch wide.
6. Slide straws through yarn on underside of the body, one near the front and one near the back. Wrap each leg with yarn. Snip yarn and tuck end into wrapping.
7. Cut 3-inch pieces of yarn and knot around neck to make the mane. Trim.
8. Cut ¼-inch pieces of pipe cleaners for eyes and insert into the yarn. Cut 1-inch pieces of pipe cleaner for ears. Fold in half and secure with glue (optional).

**ECO TIP OF THE WEEK**

PLANT HERBS AND VEGETABLES

Now is a great time to start growing food you can eat later in the summer. It’s exciting to see how a tiny seed develops into a food-bearing plant. Ask an adult if you can buy seeds, soil, and pots. Herbs, peas, chilis, and tomatoes are all easy to grow and can sit on a windowsill or balcony if you don’t have a yard. Fill small pots with soil, then make a hole in the center of each and drop in a seed. Cover with more soil, water slightly, and put pots in a sunny spot indoors. Water them daily and the seeds should grow within two weeks. Transfer them to bigger pots if needed, then move them outdoors when the weather is warm enough in your region.