RATCH Scratchling

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Grow your own Scratch sapling – a scratchling.

1) Click on the Add Extension button, and add the **Pen** extension.

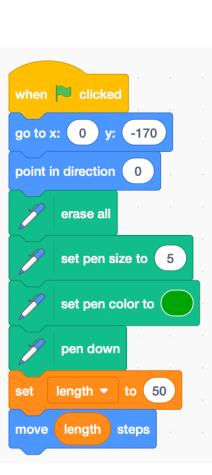


- 2) Create a sprite using the **Tree1** graphic.
- 3) In costumes, select one leaf and drag it to one side.
- 4) Delete the rest of the tree, then drag the leaf to the centre cross.

Make a sapling (a young tree).

- 5) Make a variable, for the length of the stalk, for this sprite only.
- 6) Add the code to the right. First, place the sprite somewhere near the bottom of the screen, pointing upwards.
- 7) Use pen commands to **erase** the screen, set the pen size and colour, and put the pen down to start drawing.
- 8) Initialise the stalk length to 50, and then move it to draw the stalk.

Run this to see your new sapling.





Grow your plant with a repeat loop

- 9) Make a block to grow your plant.
- 10) Make a variable for the **state** of the plant, **for this sprite only**, and initialise it to zero.
- 11) Randomise the state each time round the loop, between 1 and 3.
- define grow

 set state v to 0

 repeat until state = 1

 set state v to pick random 1 to 3

 if state = 2 then

 move length steps
- 12) When **state = 1** it exits the loop and stops growing.
- 13) If state = 2 move the sprite to grow a little bit.
- 14) Add to the end of your green flag code.

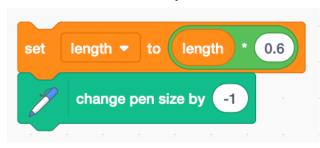
Now the clever bit – the plant branches.

- 15) Add code after the last **if**, inside the loop, so the main plant **turns** 30° left and a **clone** of the sprite branches right.
- 16) Add code when it starts as a clone to turn 30° right, and continues to

Is your plant a bit bushy? Prune it by cutting back the length each time round the loop.

17) Add code at the end of the loop – but inside it – to scale back the length and reduce the pen size.





Remember to **Save** your code with a good name.