



National Garden Week

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Draw what's in your garden



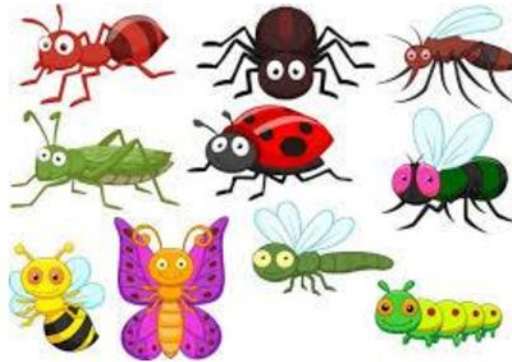
- Drawings and paintings are a great way of expressing ourselves and showing others what we see.
- In the spirit of national garden week, we are going to draw our gardens or green spaces near our homes to highlight the beauty around us!
- For this you can use any type of paper you want and any colours/pens/paint to create your landscape.

A ladybird might eat more than 5,000 insects in its lifetime!

Dragonflies have been on earth for 300 million years!

Fruit flies were the first living creatures to be sent into space.

Facts about Bugs



Greater water boatmen breathe through their bottom!

A bee's wings beat 190 times a second, that's 11,400 times a minute.

A single honeybee colony can produce around 100kg of honey each year – that's 220 jars!

The stag beetle is the largest species of insect to be found in the UK.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

Mosquitos are attracted to smelly feet!

Grasshoppers existed before dinosaurs!

Caterpillars have 12 eyes!

Grasshoppers have special organs in their hind legs that store energy for jumping.

Garden Markers

So you don't forget what you planted!



Here's what you'll need!

Shopping list for your local garden centre:

Rocks

Acrylic paint

Paint brush



Instructions:

1. What have you been growing? Fruit, vegetables, herbs etc.
2. Wash your rocks with water and let them dry.
3. Paint each rock to show what you are growing. You can add words or faces if you want to.
4. When the paint has dried, place your garden markers next to what you are growing so you don't forget what you planted



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My Spring Garden

Here is my little garden,
Some seeds I'm going to sow.
Here is my rake to rake the ground,
Here is my handy hoe.

Here is the big, round yellow sun;
The sun warms everything.
Here are the rain clouds in the sky;
The birds will start to sing.

Little plants will wake up soon,
And lift their sleepy heads;
Little plants will grow and grow
In their little, warm earth beds.

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Garden scavenger hunt

 Bee <input type="checkbox"/>	 Buttercups <input type="checkbox"/>	 Ant <input type="checkbox"/>	 Tree <input type="checkbox"/>
 Feathers <input type="checkbox"/>	 Butterfly <input type="checkbox"/>	 Sticks <input type="checkbox"/>	 Puddle <input type="checkbox"/>
 Snail <input type="checkbox"/>	 Clouds <input type="checkbox"/>	 Web <input type="checkbox"/>	 Beetle <input type="checkbox"/>
 Leaves <input type="checkbox"/>	 Mushrooms <input type="checkbox"/>	 Ladybird <input type="checkbox"/>	 Bird <input type="checkbox"/>
 Soil <input type="checkbox"/>	 Spider <input type="checkbox"/>	 Pebbles <input type="checkbox"/>	 Clover <input type="checkbox"/>
 Worm <input type="checkbox"/>	 Daisy <input type="checkbox"/>	 Caterpillar <input type="checkbox"/>	 Dandelions <input type="checkbox"/>

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Garden Word Search

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FRUIT
GARDEN HOSE
SEEDS
RAKE
VEGETABLES
DIRT
FENCE
SHED
SOIL
SUNSHINE
WORM
GRASS
RAIN
LEAVES
SHOVEL
WATERING CAN
TREES
FLOWERS

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National Gardening Week

Getting Kids Excited About Gardening

The following tips will get your kids excited about the gardening bug, and once they bite it is contagious!

1. Plant kid-friendly varieties that are easy to grow like bush beans, pumpkins, peas, lettuce, and sunflowers. Fast-maturing crops like radishes, spinach, and greens. Snackable varieties like cherry tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and strawberries are great to allow your kids to snack right from the garden.
2. Plant what you know they will eat. If your child loves to eat what they grow they will be more encouraged to be in the garden and want to see their food grow.
3. Have competitions. Pumpkins are a favourite plant to grow. Make it fun by seeing who can grow the biggest one!
4. Keep your kids involved with every step. By starting seeds indoors kids can keep a close watch on the plants growing process from seed to harvest.
5. Take a field trip to a local farm, greenhouse, or conservatory. When visiting a local greenhouse let them pick out their own transplants. This will have quicker results than starting from seed.

Make It Fun!

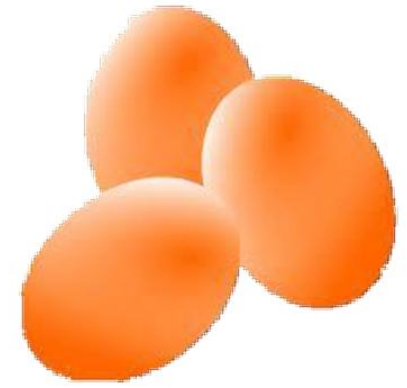
The following 5 tips will keep the garden seen as a fun thing and help them to keep their interest.

1. Give your child their own area to plant in. Whether it be their own garden or a small section in a large garden.
2. A chart to keep track of watering and maintenance (weeding, pruning, fertilising) teaches responsibility and gives a sense of accomplishment.
3. Get them their own tools. Gardening gloves, hoes, and hand shovels. This makes them feel like real gardeners.
4. Let your kids make their own plant markers. Decorate Popsicle sticks, or painting rocks can be a fun activity to do together. Make it a family activity.
5. Remember – Many hands make light work! Kids lose interest if they are out in the garden alone. It can feel more like a chore than a fun thing to do. So, get outside and get your kids excited about growing their own food!



What you will need:

- A packet of cress seeds
- Some eggshells
- Some cotton wool
- Water



Grow your own crazy cress heads

To start with you need some eggshells but they need to be as whole as possible (Break the very top of your egg to create a hole large enough to add the cotton wool and the seeds) clean out the eggshell as best as you can. Then have some fun decorating your eggshell with a face leave the hair out as when the cress grows its going to create the hair for you. Stuff the eggshell with some cotton wool 2 pieces should be enough and add your cress seeds. Finally give it a little bit of water and leave them a sunny spot and watch as your eggheads grow some crazy cress hair.



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Make a Bee Hotel

Bee numbers are falling, so by giving them a home you'll be encouraging nature into your garden and helping bee populations.

What you'll need

You do not need to build a hotel as big as that in our photo, you can make one quite easily using:

- A terracotta plant pot (9 – 15cm in size)
- Modelling clay
- Plastic straws or bamboo canes
- String



What to do

1. Cut the straws or bamboo canes to a length that fits the depth of your pot. If you are using bamboo canes, you will need a grown up to carry out this part as it's tricky.
2. Tie the bundle of straws or canes together with a piece of string.
3. Place some modelling clay in the bottom of the pot and stick the bundle of straws or canes in to the clay.
4. Place the pot horizontally in your garden in a quiet place for the bees to move in.

Make a cake for Birds

Give the birds in your garden a winter treat by making them some bird cake to eat. Warning: Bird seed often has nuts included so avoid this activity if you have a nut allergy.

What you'll need

- Fat - use suet or lard (85g)
- Good quality wild birdseed
- A handful of raisins
- A handful of peanuts
- Some grated cheese
- Bowls and wooden spoons
- Apron
- Yoghurt pots with holes in the bottom threaded with string



What to do

1. Put the fat in a bowl and leave in a warm place to soften, such as a radiator.
2. Place all the other ingredients into a big bowl.
3. Chop up the fat into small pieces and add to the other ingredients in the bowl. You can mix them together using a wooden spoon or your fingers.
4. Ask a grown up to make a hole in the bottom of a clean yoghurt pot. Double the string, tie a knot at the end and thread through the hole so that the knot is on the inside and the loop is outside the pot.
5. Put the mixture into the yoghurt pot or make into balls. Put the bird cake into the fridge to set. And then put it in your garden for the birds to enjoy!

What you will need:

- Paper plate
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paper
- Colouring pens or pencils



Make your own paper plate garden

To start with you want to start with your paper plate and plan how you want your garden to look. Once you have done this begin adding your features to your garden, think about where you want to place things such as flowers, trees, any animals you may find in the garden and anything else you want to add. When creating your garden, you can use paper and other resources to make things such as flowers to make your paper plate more 3-D. If you want to create a different garden, you can try gathering some natural materials such as leaves flowers or twigs. Once you have finished all your designing and colouring, you're done!



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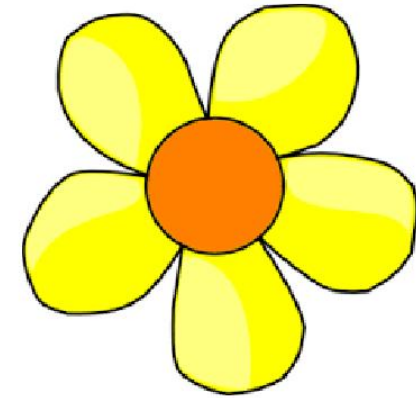
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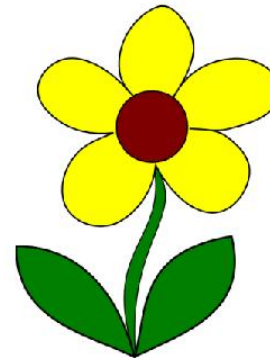
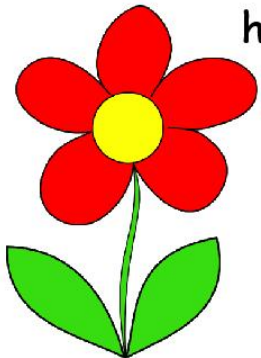
What you will need:

- Different colour tissue paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Beads (optional)



Make your own tissue paper flowers

To start making your tissue paper flowers you need to cut 3 circles out that are the same size, the circles do not have to be perfect as it can make the flower look different. Once you have your tissue paper circles put them on top of each other, grab a pipe cleaner and poke it through the middle of your tissue paper circles. Next if you have any beads thread one onto the top of your pipe cleaner and circles, if you don't have any beads handy you can twist the top of the pipe cleaner a little to secure your paper and pipe cleaner, you also need to twist the pipe cleaner a little under the circles to secure them. Then scrunch each layer of tissue circle to give it definition. Once you have done this you are finished.



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Paper Flowers

Resources:

- Paper
- Felt tips/colours
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape

Instructions:

- To start fold your paper in half, ask an adult for help and very carefully cut small strips along the paper.
- When you have done this, fold your paper into a cylinder shape and glue together.
- To finish off decorate your paper cylinder by drawing flowers on.



Paper Plate Flower

Resources:

- Paper Plate
- Paper
- Felt tips/colours
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape

Instructions:

- To start, colour in your paper plate. You can use any colours you like!
- To make the stem, ask an adult for help and very carefully cut out a strip of paper.
- To make the leaves, start off by drawing your leaves on your paper and then cut them out. (If you haven't got green paper you can colour your stem and leaves in).
- To finish, glue your leaves on your stem and then glue your stem to your paper plate.



Rock Painting Bugs

What bugs will you paint?



Here's what you'll need!

Rocks

Acrylic paint

Paint brushes

Gloss varnish (optional – to make them shiny!)

Googly eyes (optional)



Instructions:

1. Wash your rocks with water and let them dry.
2. Think about what bugs/insects you would like to paint e.g. ladybird, bee, snail etc
3. When the rocks are dry, start painting your bugs.
4. Let the paint dry and then paint a layer of gloss varnish on top
5. You can now place you bugs in the garden or on a windowsill!