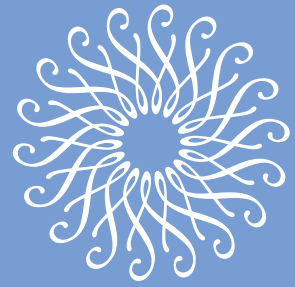


Design Your Own Miniature Garden Activity



At a Glance:

Get creative! Design and make your own miniature garden in a tray. Think of how you might use it, will it be a dinosaur garden, a vegetable garden, or a flower garden?

Materials:

Don't forget to check in with a grown-up before you start!

- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- Compost or soil
- Gravel or twigs
- Natural items from your yard
- Other items from home you'd like to include in your garden
- Paper
- Tray, plate, or a container

Did you Know?

Garden Designers use their creativity, knowledge of plants, and problem-solving skills to design and create beautiful gardens. Some things to consider when designing a garden should be how you want the garden to look, how much sun the space gets, and what the pH of the soil is in order to pick which plants to use and where to plant them. You also need to consider color palette, how big the plants might grow, and if it will attract pollinators and wildlife.

For further information on how to be a garden designer, check out Seed Your Future's careers resource page: seedyourfuture.org/careers

Directions:

1. Before you begin, think about who your garden might be for. Is this miniature garden for you, a family member, or maybe a spot for your favorite toy?
2. Using your paper and colored pencils, sketch out your design. You could include paths, fences, flower beds, vegetable beds, trees, small buildings, a pond, etc.
3. Using your design sketch and the materials listed, place a shallow layer of compost or soil on your tray and find things in your yard to bring your design to life. Can you use a flower bud to be a flower in your garden, or a twig to be a tree? First, add your paths and then add your plants. **Pro Tip** – You could also sow cress seeds to grow your own lawn in your garden.
4. When you've finished, share a photo of your garden using the hashtag #OurGardensYourHome. We can't wait to see what you've created!

