



## Plant Activities in Your Home or Garden

### At Home Activities

Here are some great ideas for fun activities to do with plants at home. Be sure to try these with a parent or guardian; they will not only help look out for you but also help you learn more about plants. If you need any help:

- Make garden journals to keep throughout the year (Use a book making technique and include monthly divisions, lined, plain and graph paper to write, draw, record and paste in your experiences after each garden time.
  - Tuck a bulb here and there to have some early spring flowers.
  - Have a lady bug release in April. Watch for the larvae and pupa in the garden before the end of school.
  - Transplant perennials. Perennials are plants that, in most areas, will live year after year. Try lamb's ear - you'll love the soft leaves!
  - When Fall is on the way, make a scarecrow for your garden. Hammer two narrow boards in a cross. Use old shirts, pants, shoes, mittens and a hat. The head can be made from an old stuffed t-shirt.
  - Plant garlic cloves, carrots, radishes, turnips, beets, mustard greens and flower seeds recommended for fall planting.
  - Mulch with hay when plants are small to withstand cool weather.
  - Gather seeds from marigolds, cotton, native wildflowers and sunflowers to plant next year, or make a seed identification book. You can also use them for a collage.
  - Press flowers. Lay a sheet of cardboard on ground. Add two sheets of newspaper. Lay flowers separately and cover with two more sheets of newspaper. Wait ten days then take apart carefully.
  - Use the garden as a multicultural study to reflect your own, and your friends', ethnic backgrounds by studying plant origins and continents, plant uses and techniques from around the world.
  - Make flower prints with real flowers dipped in tempera then on paper.
  - Find all the wonderful books on gardens in the library.
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