

THEME GARDENS

Kids will focus on details. Be enthusiastic when working with the children. Encourage wonder and curiosity. Have fun and know and show that it is 'ok' to have garden failures. Try helping youth set up theme gardens.

A **pizza garden**, a large circle divided into sections of the plants that give us the ingredients for making a pizza with a clump of marigolds close by representing the cheese.

A **cereal bowl** designed to grow the plants cereals are made from.

Peter Rabbit's Herb Garden complete with Peter Rabbit.

An alphabet garden, grow a plant for every letter of the alphabet or a **crayon color garden**, set aside sections of a certain color or colors of plants and flowers.

A **teddy bear & animal garden** filled with all the plants that have animal names or references.

Also, make connections. Example: Harry Potter, set up a **Harry's Herbology Garden**. Use stories to teach and tell and read along with the garden. Children of all ages should always ask questions about everything!

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