

GROWING AN ART GARDEN

Capturing the beauty of plants through art is a great project, but why not take it one step further and grow an actual art garden? With a little planning and a whole lot of creativity, you can create a garden that is both functional and ornamental; in other words, the garden provides the art materials you'll need for your projects as well as the inspiration for your artistic creations!

Everything that you plant in an art garden can have some functional use as an art material. Certain flowers and foods produce dyes for painting and textile projects, grasses provide fibers for weaving and making paper, and other plants can be dried for decoration and fragrance. You'll soon realize the immense satisfaction in growing plants that you can then use as materials for future art projects!

The most challenging as well as the most exciting part of growing an art garden will be figuring out what to do with everything once it has grown! This is when the imagination can go wild and you can start experimenting with all the artistic ideas you can dream of.

For step-by-step instructions on how to grow an art garden, visit the Dig Art! website: www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/digart



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