



COUNTRYSIDE
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GARDEN ACTIVITY PACK

Let the Countryside In...





The Royal Horticultural Society's **National Gardening Week** is the UK's biggest celebration of gardening.

To coincide with the event, national housebuilder, Countryside is inviting you to 'let the countryside in' to your homes and harness your creativity with some crawl-tastic garden crafts!

Using materials from around your home and garden, grab a grown up* and get those green fingers moving to create:

- Marvellous Mini Allotments
- Wonderfully Wiggly Worm Farms
- Brilliantly Bugtastic Bug Hotels

**Children will require supervision at all times.*



MARVELLOUS MINI ALLOTMENTS!

Here's what you need...



Equipment:

Seed tray or cardboard box (cereal box)

Seeds / plants

Compost / soil from the garden

Gravel / Stones / pebbles from the garden

Twine / string / yarn / thread

Pipe cleaners / paper straws / rolled up paper

Cling film

Cardboard strips (cut from box / packaging)

Plasticine / toy figures / paper & colouring pens

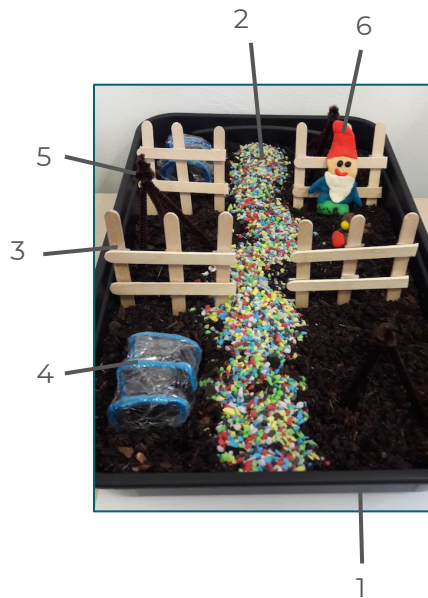
Pritt stick / sellotape / double sided tape

Scissors

Water

MARVELLOUS MINI ALLOTMENTS!

Here's how to do it...



- ① Lay a cardboard box flat and cut the box open, leaving one big side as the base and the sides intact. Add the soil to the box and plant the seeds / plants **(1)**
- ② Place some gravel, stones or pebbles on top of the soil to make a path or two **(2)**
- ③ Cut up strips of cardboard from a box or packaging. Glue / tape two of the strips horizontally onto three or four vertical strips to make a fence. Repeat to create as many fences as you want! **(3)**
- ④ Cut up a pipe cleaner, paper straw or rolled up paper, into 3 even pieces and bend each one into an arch shape. Cut out a small square of cling film and mould it around the arched pipe cleaners / straws, securing with tape to make a mini greenhouse. **(4)**
- ⑤ Cut up another pipe cleaner, paper straw or rolled up paper into three even pieces. Tie the top ends together with some twine, string, yarn or thread and spread the bottom ends out to make a teepee plant support. **(5)**
- ⑥ Using plasticine, paper or any toy figures make little animals and gnomes to put in the allotment. **(6)**
- ⑦ Place the green houses, teepees, animals / figures and fences into the box to complete your allotment.

WONDERFULLY WRIGGLY WORM FARMS!

Here's what you need...



Equipment:

Plastic bottle or container

Compost / soil from the garden

Gravel / stones / pebbles from the garden

Sand (not an essential item)

Moss / leaves / twigs / grass / old flower petals

Straw / grass



WONDERFULLY WRIGGLY WORM FARMS!

Here's how to do it...



- ① Cut the top off a plastic bottle or container and fill it with layers of soil and thin layers of gravel / stones / pebbles and sand **(1)**
- ② Add a top layer of moss / grass, leaves (dry or dead leaves will work better but not essential), old flower petals and twigs **(2)**
- ③ Once your farm is complete with the different layers. Go out into the garden, driveway, path / pavement and carefully find and collect worms to put into the farm - any soil based creepy crawlies can also be used instead of worms or paper worms drawn and cut out of paper as a cleaner alternative.



BRILLIANTLY BUGTASTIC BUG HOTELS!

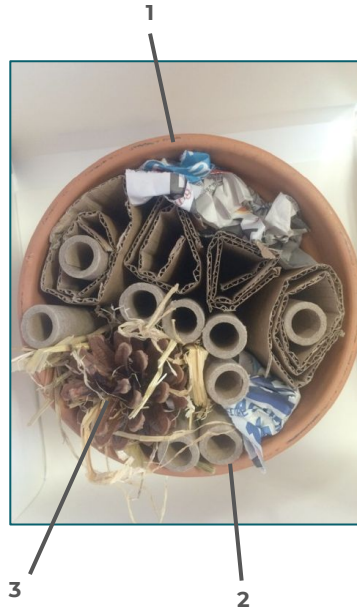
Here's what you need...



Equipment:
Plant pot / plastic bottle or container
Toilet roll tubes or rolled up paper / cardboard strips (cut from box / packaging)
Cardboard (cut from box / packaging)
Twigs / leaves / old flower petals
Moss / grass
Straw / twigs
Pine cones (not an essential item)
Newspaper / paper

BRILLIANTLY BUGTASTIC BUG HOTELS!

Here's how to do it...



- ① Cut the top off a plastic bottle or container or find a plant pot to create your bug hotel in **(1)**
- ② Using toilet roll tubes or rolled up cardboard / paper strips, create different size hiding places for bugs to hide in **(2)**
- ③ Use the moss, grass, twigs, leaves, old flower petals, straw, pine cones and scrunched up newspaper or paper to provide insulation to the pot and packing to make sure everything is fitted into the pot securely **(3)**
- ④ Place the pot on its side outside where bugs can come and go as they please! Paper bugs drawn and cut out of paper or toy animals can also be used as an alternative.