

Create your own secret garden

In *Return to the Secret Garden* Emmie discovers a special garden, which she falls in love with. Why not create a garden using one of the suggestions below so that you too can have your own secret garden?

Create a mini garden in a plant pot!

You will need: a plant pot, some seeds, bulbs or small plants, soil and some water

1. Ask a parent or guardian to help you plant your seeds, bulbs or small plants in the soil, making sure to follow the instructions on the packet or pot.
2. Once you've planted your seeds put your plant pot on a window sill or kitchen counter and watch the flowers grow.
3. Don't forget that you'll need to water the seeds regularly to ensure your mini garden grows!

Create a mini garden in an empty container!

You will need: an empty container (like a margarine tub or a foil pie case), pebbles, green paper, small sticks, tissue paper

1. Clean out your tin and decide what will go where in your garden. Some ideas include
 - Use small pebbles to create paths
 - Add green paper for the grassy areas
 - Add tissue paper to small sticks to create flowers and trees
2. You could also make small people out of paper or pipe cleaners so that you have people playing in your secret garden

Create a paper garden on your wall!

You will need: coloured paper, pencils, glue scissors, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, blue tack

1. Cut out circles from the coloured paper to make petals and stick a few of each colour on top of each other with the petals overlapping.
2. Once you've got the petal part of your flower stick them to the stalk - green pipe cleaners or thin strips of green paper.
3. You could also use scrunched up pieces of coloured tissue paper to make the stalks.
4. Use blue tack to stick the flowers to a wall to create your own secret garden.
5. Make sure you ask an adult to help with the cutting and sticking. Ask for permission from a parent or guardian before sticking the flowers to your wall.

Create a secret garden in your actual garden!

You will need: seeds, bulbs or small plants

1. Ask your parent or guardian if you can have a small section of the garden as your own.
2. Plant your chosen bulbs, plants or seeds in your little plot and water them as instructed.
3. Why not choose a selection of different plants and colours to make your garden more interesting?
4. You could even create a sign pointing to your garden so that other people know it belongs to you!

