

Children's Garden Said Good Play with Purpose

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A children's garden is really no different from a garden for grown-ups. It is just as interesting and much more exciting. When in life is there a better time to become familiar with the mysteries of nature, to learn the value of patience, and to feel the thrill of digging in rich, productive soil? To a child, gardening is play with a purpose.

First the garden must be planned. Why is that necessary? Well, suppose you put the seeds in as you went along and right in front of some beautiful pansies there grew a row of cosmos that reached to the top of a fence! Or what if all your flowers bloomed in July and there wasn't a bright spot in your garden all during August and September. That would be an unplanned garden.

Furthermore, part of the fun of gardening is thinking about what a beautiful garden you are going to have. Isn't that the way with most of your good times? So you miss a lot, if you do not plan your garden. It is easy and it's fun. Here are some suggestions.

Draw Outline

Draw an outline of the part of the yard that has been given to you to make beautiful. (Let us hope it is a sunny spot.) If possible make it about 12 feet wide and 4 feet deep. While the back and sides will be straight lines, the front can be curved so

that the garden is a little wider in the center.

Now, let's write in on the plan the names of the flowers we shall plant, just where we want them to grow.

First there is the background. We want something that will grow tall. If a fence is there, perhaps a variety that climbs would be the thing. There are climbing nasturtiums, heavenly blue morning glory, gourds (they produce such interesting objects), moon vine, cypress vine (the flowers are dainty red and white stars) and black-eyed Susan vine. If a hedge is there or if the fence belongs to a neighbor, we shall choose a variety that grows tall and supports itself. There are such varieties as sensation cosmos, African marigold, sungold sunflower and pink queen cleome. Cleome is sometimes called spider plant. Plant it and see if you can tell why.

Let's next pick out the border. After we decide on the border, it will be easier to choose the other varieties. Some people prefer no border at all. They just let the flowers that come in front form a border. Many beautiful gardens are that way. Others prefer to have the garden definitely outlined by planting some low growing variety along the edge. A few suggestions along with the colors are: ageratum, blue cap, blue, alyssum, snow cloth, white; alyssum, royal carpet, purple; candytuft, white; candytuft, all colors; nasturtium, dwarf, yellow, orange and red.

Bedding Plants

Now what shall we plant in between the background and the border. There is room for two varieties, one on each side in clumps or a row of each all the way across. How about a bed of cut and come again zinnias on one side and strawflowers on the other? The cut and come again strain of zinnias will not take up as much room as giant zinnias. The strawflowers can be cut when in bloom and hung with heads down until they dry out. Then they can be used for a long time for color in your room. Other possibilities are bachelor's button (if you do not like girls) or calendula, or Shirley poppy. They are all easy to grow.

Now that we have the plan made, let's carry it out.

As soon as the ground is warm and workable (not before!) the garden must be spaded thoroughly. The spade must go down into the ground for over a foot so that fresh, fertile soil will be brought to the top. Seedlings need mellow soil to grow on. If the garden is too large for you to spade alone, perhaps your father will help. It will do him good and he will enjoy it more than he thinks he will when it is first suggested to him. It is the only time that you will need his help. Spading requires mere manual labor and very little skill. So the success of the garden will still be yours, even if you get help at this point.

Rake Thoroughly

The next step is to rake the garden thoroughly. This is very important. Go over it several times so that all the lumps of dirt are broken up and the ground is level. Be sure that the dirt has settled as much as possible. You might walk on it and if you sink down in spots, rake those places full.

Now take a stick or the end of a rake and mark off shallow trenches in which to plant the seeds. Make the trenches just as deep as it says on the envelopes, to plant the seeds. You will probably prefer rather straight lines for the border and background. Curved lines would be better for the others.

Now sprinkle the seeds along the trenches. Do not drop them too close together. They should be at least one or two inches



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The Greek Orthodox church celebrates Easter at varying times in the spring, as does the Christian church, and the two dates do not coincide.

While away Mrs. Gates was the guest of her god-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vlahos, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy S. Starfas.

Nevita Chapter Plans Instruction Night

Central Point—Nevita chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will hold a stated meeting Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at Masonic temple, Central Point. Instruction night will be observed, with Mrs. Melvin McGrew, worthy matron, presiding.

Mrs. Francis Russell is in charge of decorations and Mrs. Gladys Beebe is chairman of the refreshment committee.

apart. After you have sown one trench, cover it with soil by pushing in the sides. Then press down firmly so that the soil will not be blown or washed away.

Next, water the garden thoroughly. It is not sufficient to sprinkle the surface. The water should go down for several inches. But be careful not to use so much force that the seeds are uncovered or washed away. Thereafter the garden should be kept moist by frequent watering. The frequency will depend upon weather conditions.

Thin Plants

Soon the seeds will sprout and little seedlings will appear above the surface. They are very tender plants and they should be carefully treated. You may find that some of them are growing too close together. This means that after the plants are two or three inches high, some of them should be dug up with a trowel and transplanted. Even if there is no room to plant them elsewhere it is better to pull them up than to leave them. Crowded conditions are just as objectionable to plants as they are to people.

When the flowers appear, keep picking them. The more you pick the more there will be. Keep all of your bowls and vases full of fresh flowers. Give bouquets to friends who are not so fortunate as to have a garden. If the flowers are allowed to die on the plants, the will go to seed and plants will produce no more.

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