

Making a Kid Friendly Vegetable Garden



Get Kids Involved in Gardening

Kids love to try new things, and you'd probably like to get them out of the house more often. Making a kid's vegetable garden is a great way to do both. Children can learn new skills and discover how food grows, and you get to spend time with them that's enjoyable and constructive. Who knows? Maybe they'll eat more vegetables. Here are a few tips on how to make your kid's garden a great success.

1 Choose Your Plants

Bring your kids in on the decision-making. They'll have lots of ideas on what to grow. Maybe you'll agree on a pizza garden. Or you'll try to grow the biggest pumpkins in the world. You could go for a Peter Rabbit garden, full of lettuce and carrots. Or maybe you'll choose to mix in flowers with melons and herbs. Have fun, and explore the possibilities.

2 Get Kid-Size Garden Tools

Bring your kids along on a shopping trip to find the tools they need to help tend the garden. Trowels, shovels, buckets, and hoes are often available in kid sizes.

3 Pick Up Plants or Seeds

While you're out shopping, visit the garden store and buy your seeds and small plants.

4 Plan Your Garden

Involve the kid committee. Let them help you choose the location. If you're short on space, a container garden on the patio works great, too.

5 Make It a Learning Experience

Planning and planting a garden is a great time for kids to learn how to read and follow planting directions. They can learn the importance of spacing and location, and how weather can affect their gardens. They'll be able to observe how plants grow, and discover the fun of harvesting.

6 Planting

The directions on seed packets and plant containers make planting easy. Use Miracle-Gro® Garden Soil for Vegetable and Flowers, or Miracle-Gro® Organic Choice Soil, and explain why good soil is important for healthy plants.

Tips For Maintaining Your Kid's Veggie Garden

After you've planted your garden, there are a few steps you can take that will keep it growing the way you want it to. Lay down a layer of mulch about two inches thick around your plants. This will discourage weeds. You can also apply a pre-emergent, such as Miracle-Gro® Weed Preventer, to keep weeds out. If some do pop up, pull or spray them. Regular watering and feeding will help your kids garden grow beautifully. You can do both at the same time with Miracle-Gro® LiqueFeed Plant Food.

Suggested Products



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