

Shoobox garden

You don't need a huge outside space to watch wildlife and plant life grow and develop. Why not turn an old shoebox into a busy little eco-friendly garden?

You will need:

- A shoebox - with a tray for drainage
- Plants/seeds/edible plants/herbs
- Mud
- Plastic to line box with
- Stones, shells
- A container for a pond?
- ...plenty of imagination!

Wildlife and plant life thrive in the Queens garden at Buckingham Palace. Tree stumps are not removed, but left to rot away naturally, providing a perfect environment for insects to lay their eggs. Dead trees are also left alone to provide homes for families of birds such as Woodpeckers.

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Method:

- Keep lid on box and cut a rectangle into the top
- Decorate your box with natural objects, eco-friendly paint etc
- Line your box with plastic to make it waterproof
- Fill with mud
- Get planting and creating
- Lightly water
- Watch your garden grow!

5 Benefits of gardening with children:

1. Plants teach patience
2. Plants give children a sense of responsibility
3. Plants provide sensory development
4. Plants help children develop fine motor skills
5. Gardening promotes healthy eating

