



SCARECROWS & GARDEN GNOMES

 Choose a selection of challenges (or add some of your own)

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CHALLENGE OPTIONS

Scarecrows

- Build a bird's nest using natural materials, such as twigs, sticks, grass and straw. Make sure it is sturdy and soft.
- Make some bird biscuits suitable for your local birds
- Make up a story, play, poem or song about a scarecrow
- Collaborate with your group to create a list of books and movies featuring a scarecrow character
- Discover the history of scarecrows and how they are used in different cultures around the world
- Find out about the harmful effects of insecticides on birds and animals
- Make a list of things you are scared of. Be brave and try to overcome one of those fears.
- Visit a farm, orchard or vineyard. Describe what you saw, heard, felt, smelled and/or tasted.
- Compare the use of traditional scarecrows to modern methods of protecting crops
- Make your own scarecrow for your garden
- Research the bird emblem of your state or country
- Create a garden item designed to keep birds away



Garden Gnomes

- Collaborate with your group to create a list of books and movies featuring a gnome character
- Organise a Gnome Hunt and explore your local community to see how many different garden gnomes you can find.
- Make a mushroom using any craft supplies like paper, clay, or recycled materials. Decorate it with patterns and colours to create your unique design.
- Go on a nature walk and look for different types of mushrooms, being careful not to disturb them.
- Research how mushrooms grow, their role in the ecosystem, and the types of mushrooms found in your area.
- Research myths or folklore about mushrooms, such as fairy rings or toadstools
- Find and try some recipes featuring mushrooms for a meal or snack
- Make a mushroom house for a gnome using natural materials and imagination
- Make a suncatcher that casts rainbows when hung in sunlight
- Plant a sunflower seed and care for it as it grows. Track its progress by measuring its height each week.
- Use sunflower seeds in a recipe
- Learn about the life cycle of a sunflower and how it contributes to the ecosystem.
- Research how sunflowers are used in different countries for food, oil, or decoration.
- Gnome Tales - Write or tell a story about a day in the life of a garden gnome.
- Make a list of other words that start with the letters **gn**



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Gardening

- Grow a plant from a bulb
- Grow herbs like basil, mint, or parsley in small pots or a garden bed. Learn how to use them in cooking.
- Take a cutting from a plant and try to grow a new one. Learn about propagation techniques.
- Choose your 5 favourite vegetables and find out which vitamins are in each
- Make a chart showing which fruit and vegetables are in season at each time of the year
- Collect and make art from leaves, bark or flowers. You may like to press some flowers and use them to make a bookmark, preserve some leaves to make bark rubbings, or make a collage of a tree from bark and leaves.
- Make a Hairy Harry and watch his hair grow. You may like to make this using eggshells, socks etc.
- Make a weather vane that works and record the wind direction daily
- Grow some bee-friendly flowers to attract bees and other pollinators to your garden
- Learn how to use 3 garden tools safely
- Participate in a tree planting activity
- Find out about some plants native to your area or country
- Plant seeds and watch them grow. Nurture these plants to maturity
- Transplant seedlings into a garden (for growing into larger plants)
- Design a small garden with a theme, such as a butterfly garden, a sensory garden, or a fairy garden.
- Learn about vermicomposting by setting up a small worm farm to recycle food scraps into nutrient-rich soil. Use the worm castings (worm poo) in your garden.
- Make your own windchime using natural or recycled materials. Hang it in a special place and observe how the sound changes with the wind.
- Grow a fruit, vegetable, or edible flower, and use it in a meal once it's ready to harvest.
- Learn about companion planting (which plants grow well together) and plant a combination that benefits each other.
- Eat a vegetable that you have not tried before
- Start a compost system for food scraps and garden waste. Learn how composting helps plants and reduces waste.
- Do some research and find out about your birth flower (birth month)
- Find out how Christmas Trees are grown
- Search for items in every colour of the rainbow around your home, garden, or park.
- Find out about *Find a Rainbow Day* and enjoy a rainbow-themed activity
- Explore your garden or local area to find natural items that match the colours of the rainbow.
- Paint or decorate a plant pot and use it to grow a plant of your choice.
- Make a set of plant labels to help identify your plants
- Make natural dyes by extracting colours from plants like beetroot, turmeric, or spinach to use for painting or fabric dyeing.
- Explore plants with unique features such as carnivorous plants, plants that move (like the sensitive plant), or other unusual species.



There are many other tasks you could do related to the theme.
Create some of your own challenges and share your ideas.