

HORTICULTURE

Flower Gardening



Project Overview

This project is designed to teach the basics of planting and growing flowers including garden design, planting flowers from seed in a garden plot or in a container, how to care for your plants, and growth habits of annuals, biennials and herbaceous perennials.

Key Learning Topics

- Design a flower bed showing variety in height, color, and bloom time.
- Grow seven or more different annual flowers from seed.
- Grow three or more perennials.
- Identify flowers and leaf characteristics.
- Create a floral arrangement for display or exhibit.
- Prepare an accurate report of your flower project, including the diagram of your plans.

Expanding the Project

- Horticulture Contest
- Agronomy Contest
- Science Fair experiment.

Resources

1. 4-H Flower Gardening Project Book (Guide 100.BH-1U2)
2. Perennial Plants for Pollinators in New Mexico (Guide H-182)
3. Exploring the World of Soils and Plants: Unit 1 Project Book (Guide 100.A-6)
4. General Project Record Sheet
5. Self-determined Record Sheet 300.SD.1

Exhibit Guidelines

- Floral Arrangement (flowers grown by member)
- Exhibit about Flower gardening
- Floral Arrangement using purchased flowers, greenery, etc.

**Must include Project Information Sheet

- Self-Determined advanced Flower Gardening Exhibit including Self-Determined Project Record Sheet 300.SD.1

Targeting Life Skills

- Planning & organizing
- Decision making
- Marketable skills

