



learning at home



Make your own mini garden

William Morris loved nature. Throughout his life, he loved to spend a lot of time in his gardens. The natural world inspired him to create his magnificent patterns, designs and writing.

It may be more difficult right now to get outdoors to gardens or parks, but you can easily make your own mini garden inspired by William Morris. Here you can use your imagination to play and explore as much as you like.

Lloyd Park in Walthamstow (right) used to be young William Morris's own garden. The Gallery was his family home – then it was called Water House. We know young William like to fish and swim in the stream.



What things would you like to see or do in a garden?

Trellis

This is a wallpaper design called Trellis. It was inspired by William Morris' garden at the Red House - a house and garden which William had built for his wife Jane when they got married.

What is a trellis for?

What type of flowers are in the design? Are they...

- a) ***Roses?***
- b) ***Daisies?***
- c) ***Sunflowers?***



What type of flowers would you like in your garden?



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You will need

Small box or plastic tub, leaves, twigs, flowers, lentils/ split peas, broccoli, scissors, soil, PVA glue, plasticine, lolly sticks, twigs, small stones, coloured pencils and pens.

Bonus: mini furniture or toys.

Step by step instructions

Lay your foundation. Take your chosen container and fill the bottom with stones, lentils, plasticine or soil.

Make it greener. Add some greenery by using twigs, leaves or broccoli to make trees and plants. If you are having trouble with them standing up, you can use plasticine to help.

Add a splash of colour. Add any flowers that you have found or make some using card: the brighter the better!

Invite some friends to join. Make lots of card and plasticine creatures that will visit your garden, eg birds, snails and spiders. Don't forget to add in some of your favourite toys to make your garden cosier.

Bonus items. You can make fences using glued together lollipop sticks and bunting using string, twigs and pieces of paper.

