

DESIGN YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Gardens can be a place where communities get the things they need, right in their own neighborhood.

WHAT SHOULD GO IN YOUR COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Look at the garden you planned on Tuesday. Is there anything you would change about it?

Talk to other people in your family or in your neighborhood. What would they like to have in a garden?

Think about the members of your community that aren't people – this includes pets, wild animals, and the plants that are already growing outside. What do you think would be helpful to them to have in a garden?

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1. Decide on the reasons for your community garden. What do you and the members of your community want to have in a garden? *Food? Beauty? Native plants? Medicine? Low maintenance plants? What else?*
2. Decide on what to include in your garden and where your garden could be. What kinds of plants do you want? Will they be in your yard, a shared community garden, in pots, or somewhere else? Are there places to sit and run, or is it just for growing and looking at plants?
3. Make your garden design! You could draw or paint your garden, collage pictures from magazines or newspapers, make a sculpture, or anything else.
4. Share the garden you designed with your family and explain the different parts of it.
5. Update your community garden design when you talk to more people in your neighborhood.

BE PART OF OUR CONNECTED COMMUNITY GARDEN

Send a photo of your design to us! Email it to GardensEducation@duke.edu. We are creating a collection of all our community gardens to share together.

GATHER YOUR MATERIALS

You can use many different materials for this project! Some ideas are:

- Paper
- Pen or pencil
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Paint
- Magazines or newspapers with plant pictures
- Scissors
- Plant parts you find outside
- Seeds or other plant parts you find in your kitchen
- Tape or glue
- Stickers