



VOLUNTEER PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Fairy Garden Starter Kit

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Fairy Garden Starter Kits

Young children will love submerging their hands into the dirt to build a fairy garden, and enjoy watching the plants grow. A fairy “house” ignites imagination that is encouraged by a fanciful book appropriate for young children.

How this project helps with learning

The focus of the project is on science skills – learning about how plants grow and building healthy eating habits. If children are engaged in planting and harvesting then they are more likely to try new foods.

The Fairy Garden Starter Kit will Include

- A large planter
- Potting soil
- 1 herb plant - (basil to make pesto, cilantro for salsa or oregano/rosemary for spaghetti sauce)
- 2 flowering plants – (ex. pansies, impatiens)
- A small birdhouse to create a fairy house
- Markers or paints to design fairy house

Size of Volunteer Team

Small (10 or fewer)

Large (11 + or more)

Minimum Number of Kits

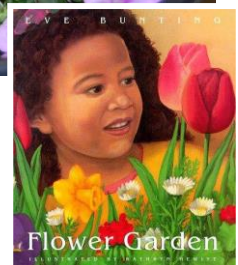
- We’ll help you determine a site and the number of kits needed

Volunteer Team’s Responsibilities

- Gather/purchase materials
- Assemble kits
- Distribute kits

Steps for Creating Gardens

1. Using the markers or paints to design a birdhouse to look like a fairy house
2. Scoop potting soil into the planter – leave about a couple of inches at the top
3. Dig small hole for plants and plant them
4. Place fairy house among the plants
5. Bundle a book, such as *Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting with each fairy garden kit





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Resources to put with each kit for child to take home

- Recipe card for salsa, pesto or spaghetti sauce
- Information about where to purchase fresh, local produce/herbs

Wake County SmartStart's support of the project

- Provide a sample budget
- Answering questions to support the planning process
- Assist with locating a child care center or program for the donation and help coordinating delivery
- Share the story of your support to inspire others