

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Plants help us—and the world around us—in countless ways. Can you think of some examples? Some of the ways plants help the world include: They produce the oxygen we breathe, they help clean the air we breathe, they are important sources of food, they are home to many animals, they can be used to create medicine, and they help reduce effects of climate change. And, plants have also been proven to help improve people's moods!

INVESTIGATE.

While all plants are similar in that they are beneficial to the world, there are also many differences among them. Did you know, for example, that some plants live for just one season while other plants live for years?

Annuals are plants that grow from a seed, bloom, and then die... all within a year! They grow quickly and—if they are a flowering plant—they have lots of flowers. They usually die when winter comes and the first frost hits.

Perennials are plants that grow year after year. They often lose their leaves in the winter to save energy and then wake up again in the spring. They focus on growing their roots for the first couple years, so they may not bloom for the first year or so. Once they do start blooming, they tend to bloom and flower for a few weeks each year.

Learn a little more about plants by borrowing a book from your library or checking out one of the websites below. Make sure you ask an adult for help when searching online or using the internet.

- www.dkfindout.com/us/animals-and-nature/plants
- www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/How-Are-Annuals-and-Perennials-Different
- www.homedepot.com/c/ai/video-annuals-vs-perennials/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90e2c7f3e8

INNOVATE.

Now let's put what you've learned to good use! Visit The Home Depot Garden Center and pick out one seed packet that you'd like to grow in your Lattice Planter. Think about whether you'd like annual plants, perennial plants, or one of each. Also try to choose plants that need similar amounts of sunlight since they'll be sharing your planter.

Then, once you have your seeds, it's time to plant!

You'll need:

- Your Lattice Planter
 - Your seed packet
 - Garden trowel
 - Soil
 - Small watering can
 - Marker
 - Notebook
 - Pencil or pen
1. Carefully follow the instructions on your seed packet as you plant your seeds in your Lattice Planter.
 2. Use the marker to label the pot so you'll remember which seeds have been planted!
 3. Grab your notebook and create a checklist to help you care for your new seedlings. Use the seed packet to help you, and include your plants' sunlight and water needs as well as any other important tips that may be on the packet.
 4. Create a watering schedule on the next page of your notebook based on your plants' water needs. (Begin with today!) Be sure to make room for check marks once the watering is complete.
 5. Use the watering can to water your plants for the first time. Don't forget to make a checkmark on your watering schedule!
 6. Finally, place your Lattice Planter in its new home. Make sure to select a location that gets the right amount of sunlight! No matter where you choose, store your notebook close to your planter. Refer to it often as you take care of your new plants!

Share a picture of your Lattice Planter once the seeds start to sprout using #kidsworkshopexplore.



Great job building your planter! Did you know a **Landscaper** uses plants and flowers to create a beautiful environment? They are responsible for growing and caring for the outdoor grounds of homes or buildings by creating design plans, planting flowers, and removing weeds.

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