

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Humans need certain things to survive. Our *needs* are different from our *wants* because we can't live without them. Can you think about what you *need* in order to stay alive?

If you said "food to eat", "water to drink," "air to breathe," and "shelter to protect you," then you got them all!

INVESTIGATE.

Just like humans, plants have needs too! In fact, all plants need air, water, and sunlight. When plants have these three things, they can get the energy they need to grow and produce seeds.

However, not all plants need the same combination of water and sunlight. There are thousands of different kinds of plants, and different types of plants need different amounts of water and sun. Some plants do better than others in different temperatures, too!

To find the right plant for your home, think about where you will place your flower planter. Then visit the Home Depot Garden Center with a parent or guardian. Look through the different seed packets to find out how much sunlight and water each plant needs, as well as the temperatures they prefer. Keep searching until you find flower seeds that you like and that should thrive in your planter!

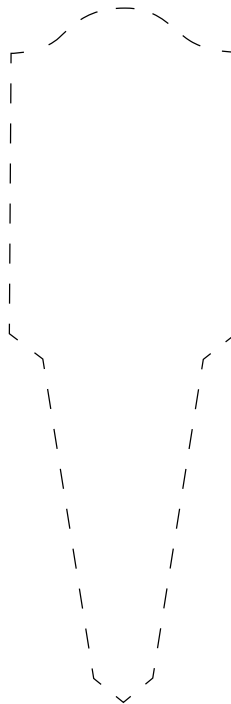
INNOVATE.

Follow the steps below to plant your seeds and create a plant tag with instructions to help your seeds bloom.

You'll need:

- Your flower planter
- The seeds you selected in the *Investigate* section
- Soil
- Posterboard or cardboard, one small piece
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- Colored pencils

1. Begin by following the instructions on your seed packet to plant the flower seeds in your flower planter. Be sure to save the packet!



Plant Tag Outline

2. Cut out the Plant Tag Outline and use it as a stencil. Trace the shape onto the posterboard or cardboard, and then cut it out so you have your own blank plant tag.
3. Now use a pencil to design the plant tag's layout. Make sure it includes the following information:
 - Flower name
 - Picture of the plant in full bloom
 - Sunlight needs
 - Water needs
 - Any other important facts or tips
4. Once you're happy with the layout, use the seed packet to help you fill in this information. Then trace over your words and designs with the permanent marker and the colored pencils.
5. Finally, stick the plant tag (pointy-side down) into the soil of your flower planter. Refer to it often to help you take the best possible care of your plant!



You will soon have some beautiful flowers bloom in your planter! A **Landscaper's** goal is to create a beautiful environment with plants. A **Landscaper** is 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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