

Make a plan

If you want to create a kitchen garden, it is important that you make a plan to get an overview of what you have planted where. If you are new to gardening, you should first decide how much space you have for the garden. If you do not have much space, take a look at the other activity cards and get inspired.

- Placement of the vegetable garden is important. To find the right spot for the crops you want to grow, you should first examine where there is sun and where there is shade in your garden. Make sure that the tallest crops do not overshadow the smaller plants.
- Plant what you eat. Consider what vegetables you usually eat to make sure that your crops will be consumed. You should also consider which crops grow well in the environment and climate you live in.
- Remember to rotate your crops so you don't grow the same crop in the same spot year after year. Many crops benefit from crop rotation to avoid plant disease and pests.
- Make arrangements on who will take care of what in the vegetable garden. If you divide the responsibility between you, it is easy to make sure that your vegetables are well taken care of. This is also a great way to be social and learn to take responsibility and cooperate.

You can use this checklist to get started with your garden. Continue the list with your own thoughts, or make your own checklist:

Task:		Name:
How much space do we have for a kitchen garden?		
Where can we place the vegetable garden?		
What vegetables do we need?		
Who will take care of the weeding? How often?		
Who should water the crops?		