



# Kids' Club



## *Plant a Magical Moon Garden*

### Lesson

Celebrate moonlit nights by relaxing or entertaining guests in your very own Moon Garden, planted specifically to show off the lunar glow! A Moon Garden is an oasis you create, whose design features plants with white flowers and silver or variegated foliage, as well as highly fragrant blossoms and sometimes plants with blooms that open at night. This type of beautiful sensory garden is easy to accomplish ~ try these tips to create yours!

### The Right Combination of Flowers and Foliage to Create a Moon Garden

- **Make a statement with bold white flowers that stand out against the pale moon. Try these options for a bright impact:**
  - White Bacopa
  - Sweet Alyssum
  - Snow-in-summer
- **Add silver or gray foliage. The subdued light from the moon will beautifully reflect these colors. Try plants such as:**
  - Dichondra Silver Falls
  - Dusty Miller
  - Lamb's Ear
- **Add fragrance. It is important to appeal to other senses besides sight when the light is low. Try these favorites:**
  - Stock
  - Nicotiana
  - Lavender

### Materials

- 8" Plastic Pot
- Potting Soil
- Flowers (our Moon Garden includes the following)
  - Starry Sky Trailing Petunia
  - Nicotiana Mix
  - Dichondra Silver Falls
  - White Lobelia

### Instructions

- Fill your plastic pot with potting soil
- Plant taller flowers such as Nicotiana towards the center of your pot
- Fill in the outside edges with clumping and trailing flowers (such as lobelia and trailing petunias)

### Caring for your Planter

- Place your planter outdoors in a sunny location.
- Water as needed when the soil feels dry. Check it daily.
- Go out in the evening and enjoy your garden by moonlight. Keep a journal of your discoveries.
- Transplant your flowers into an outdoor garden bed if they become too crowded in the pot. Add more flowers that reflect the moon such as other night blooming flowers, white blooms and silvery foliage. Enjoy!!