



ACTIVITY

Draw a map of your school garden



Learning objectives:

- Learn mapping skills and drawing to scale
- Use measuring equipment outdoors
- Discuss future design ideas for your garden



Equipment

Board to lean on,
Pencils,
Rulers and tape measures,
Graph or grid paper,
Old gardening seed catalogues.

Pre activity- Practice drawing plan views -
Some designers may benefit from the basic plan being created for them,



Plan

- Decide on the area to be explored and record measurements (you could do this by first measuring your stride and then use this to calculate).
- Using a clip board and blank or grid paper, decide on a suitable scale and draw a birds eye view of your garden.
- Walk around and note all the different features such as sheds, paths, hedges, paved sections, sunny and shady areas. Mark these features on your plan, to scale if possible.

Design

Draw any existing flower or vegetable beds, trees or large plants

Remember to make a key for your map.

Work out where north and south is with a compass and draw this on your plan.



Hints & tips

Old seed catalogue pictures and gardening magazines, or websites will be useful to help with ideas.

Give your plan a theme; this could be using a favourite colour, you could plan soup beds or include items or areas in the garden which may be attractive to wildlife.



WHY NOT DIVIDE A CLASS INTO GROUPS AND HAVE A DESIGN COMPETITION, EVEN GET THE STUDENTS TO PRESENT THEIR IDEAS. YOU COULD CHOOSE TO USE ASPECTS FROM EACH DESIGN IN FINAL PLAN!