

# GARDENING: at-home activities

## Picture Books:

*And Then It's Spring* by Julia Fogliano  
*The Carrot Seed* by Crockett Johnson  
*Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting  
*Good Night, Garden Gnome* by Jamichael Hentlery  
*Harriet and the Garden* by Nancy Carlson  
*Lola Plants a Garden* by Anna McQuinn  
*Muncha, Muncha, Mucha* by Candace Flemming  
*Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Elhert  
*Princess Chamomile's Garden* by Hiawyn Oram  
*Splat the Cat: Oopsie-Daisy* by JE Bright  
*The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle  
*We're Rabbits!* by Lisa Westberg Peters  
*Zinnia's Flower Garden* by Monica Wellington

## Activities:

--Grow Your Own Beanstalk: materials needed are a clear container, cotton balls, water, and 2-3 lima beans. (To speed up growing process, you can soak beans overnight, but make sure they are dry for planting.) Have your child stuff cotton balls into the container. Drop a few beans on top of the cotton balls. Add a small amount of water to moisten the cotton. The clear container allows your child to see what changes are happening to the beans. Talk about the changes you see every day. Add water as needed. After a week, you should see the beanstalk forming!



--Tissue Paper Carrot: cut out a long triangle shape from a piece of paper to be your carrot. Trace your child's hand on green paper and cut out hand print. Glue orange tissue paper on your carrot and then glue the hand print to the top of the carrot.



--Action Rhyme *What Do You Suppose?* What do you suppose? (raise arms and shoulders) A bee sat on my nose! (point to nose) Then what do you think? He gave me a wink (wink). And said "I beg your pardon, I thought you were a garden!" (open your hands in apology).

--Fork Flowers: make colorful spring flowers by dipping a plastic fork in paint and then stamping the fork on a piece of paper. Use several different colors to make a colorful bouquet.

## Online:

--Dance along with "Can You Plant a Bean": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCKEdDEr82k>

--Play a garden game with Sesame Street's Abby and Elmo: <http://pbskids.org/sesame/games/ready-set-grow/>

--Peep and the Big World "Peep Plants a Seed": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yxs7P7LWzDg>

