

Redwood Barn Nursery

1607 Fifth Street Davis, California

Special Projects for Spring

Plant an herb garden.

Plant from seed: basil, dill, fennel, parsley, cilantro, summer savory, chives. Buy plants: chervil, chives, lovage, marjoram, mint, oregano, rosemary, sage, winter savory, tarragon, thyme. Herbs like sun, average soil and watering, and are easy in pots.

Garden with kids.

Fun to grow: sunflowers, gourds, pumpkins, luffa sponges. Easy vegetables: radishes, beans, peas, zucchini, potatoes, tomatoes. Easy flowers: marigolds, Cosmos, Nasturtiums, sweet alyssum, blue flax. Grow morning-glory vines or scarlet runner beans on a simple trellis outside a bedroom window. Make a bean teepee.

Plant a color bowl.

Crowd with color. Mix heights and textures. Change flowers as they fade.

Use vinca, sweet alyssum, Lobelia, dwarf Dahlias, Dianthus, ivy geraniums; mix in herbs such as chives and oregano.

For shade use Impatiens, Begonias, and Coleus.

Start a compost pile.

Make a simple frame with wire, build a box, or just make a heap.

Use layers of leaves, lawn clippings, soil, garden waste, kitchen wastes.

Keep evenly moist; turn often. Works faster in the sun.

Avoid branches, heavy leaves (mulberry, walnut, fig), and needles.

Plant some strawberries.

Find a spot with at least half-day sun, or use an oak barrel.

Keep evenly moist; a drip system is ideal.

Plant Sequoia for best flavor, but also plant some of the newer summer-bearing types (Selva, Fern, Hecker, TriStar). Replace your plants every 2 - 3 years.