

# Sandpit Garden

Ages 4-8 · 30 min · Small group (outdoors)

## Learning intention

This experience supports children to exercise agency in child-led play and to develop a connection with the environment.

## You'll need

- A sandpit or garden bed
- Sticks, leaves, rocks
- Water

## How to do it

1. Children use found materials to build a small garden in the sandpit.
2. They can add water to create a little stream running through it.
3. Encourage them to plan paths, hills and plant areas.
4. A free, open-ended experience driven entirely by the children.

## Adapting for under-5s (EYLF v2.0)

A strongly child-led early-years experience supporting agency and connection to the natural world.

## Framework links

### MTOP

- **1.2** Children and young people develop their autonomy, interdependence, resilience and agency
- **2.4** Children and young people become socially responsible and show respect for the environment

### EYLF

- **1.2** Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and agency
- **2.4** Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment

### NQS

- **1.2.3** Child directed learning - Each child's agency is promoted, enabling them to make choices and decisions that influence events and their world.

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