

Welcome to the fourth instalment of our Adult Activity Packs. This week we celebrate all things floral and wish for spring in flower with gardening centred puzzles and activities. Enjoy getting messy with practical and sustainable gardening hacks and online flower themed games.

Heritage Puzzle

This week's puzzle features an iconic Geelong city landmark, coutesty of the Geelong Heritage Centre's online archives . Click the link below to try this puzzle. Do you recognise this famous floral feature?

- <u>Learn about this image</u>
- <u>Do the Jigsaw</u>



Cryptic Crossword

Test your puzzle solving abilities with this collection of cryptic crosswords. Thanks to boatloadpuzzles.com for these online problems and crossword games.

• Do the Crossword

Botanical Matching Game

Admire the beautiful botanical illustrations of this memory matching game as you attempt to recall the matching pairs of blooming blossoms.

• <u>Play the Game</u>

Howdy Farm Puzzle Game

Try this fast-paced farming matching game to relax away your stress. Courtesy of crazygames.com.

• <u>Play the Game</u>

Composting Guide

This easy composting guide is the perfect reference for people trying to embrace eco-friendly waste disposal and sustainable practices in the home. Start your own composting system in a safe and hygienic way!

Download the Guide



ONLINE RESOURCES AND APPS

Garden Answers Plant Id App

With over 20,000 plant images stored in its memory bank the Garden Answers Plant Id App is a go to authority for all your plant identification needs! Now you can find the name of whatever beautiful blooms or colourful leaves you see on your daily walks or find information about unidentified trees and shrubs on your property. Available for Android and iOS mobile devices.

- Apple App Store
- Google Play Store

Urban Veggie Garden

Helpful tool for figuring out when to plant and harvest a moveable garden on your balcony, terrace, or urban garden space. Handy for the small-scale garden enthusiast or those just starting out. Only available on Android devices.

Google Play Store

ABC Vegie Guide

Keep track of your vegie patch with ABC's planting guide app! Great for monitoring when to plant and harvest crops and what is suitable for your climate. Add plants to your patch and wait for them to grow. A very simple starter app for your first vegetable garden. Only available through iOS devices such at the iPhone and iPad.

• Apple App Store

Bug Hotel

Ever wondered how to attract beneficial insects to your garden to help pollinate your plants and kill off pests? Watch this Garden Gurus video on making a DIY Bug Hotel to tempt native bees and helpful insects into your garden.

• Explore the Video

Gardening Australia YouTube channel:

Find some extra tips and hints from the Gardening Australia YouTube channel. From pruning to soil types this Youtube will give you great insights on how to utilise your garden.

• Click Here for the Video



DIY Pressed Flowers:

Learn how to make your very own pressed flower art from flowers in your back yard. This tutorial is super easy and only takes five minutes. Enjoy bringing the outside in with your very own art.

• <u>Click here for the video</u>

Planter App

The planter app helps you to design your garden at home with the dimensions that you have. Arrange your garden and learn how to grow.

• <u>Press Here for the Google App Store</u>

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DOWNLOADABLES

Adult Colouring

These adult colouring pages are relaxing and can help rest your eyes from screens and increase concentration. Enjoy colouring these pages while playing some music or reflecting on your day. Enjoy finding peace while colouring in these pages.

- <u>Colouring Sheet One</u>
- <u>Colouring Sheet Two</u>
- <u>Colouring Sheet Three</u>

Paint by Number

Try this paint by number sheet and see your image come to life. This has many different shades that create a beautiful and serene environment.

Download the Sheet

Flower Wordsearch

Find the names of all sixteen flowers in this wordsearch to reveal the hidden word!

• Download the Wordsearch

Book Cover Word Scramble

Flowers are a popular design motif, but can you unscramble all the words to reveal the book titles with floral designs on the cover? This activity can be downloaded as a Word Document and completed on your device or printed.

• Download the Word Scramble











TUTORIAL

Egg Carton Seedlings

A helpful and sustainable way to germinate seedlings. Some tips to using recycled egg cartons to grow delicate plants away from the elements!

> • <u>Download the</u> <u>Tutorial</u>

EGG CARTON SEEDLINGS



you will need:

- Seedling soil
- Water / watering can
- Seeds
- Egg cartons
- Gloves
- Optional: compost, Seasol, fertiliser

Soil

While wearing gloves mix your seedling soil by placing 4 cups (half a 2l ice-cream container) of soil with 2 handfuls of fertiliser (such as manure, vegan fertiliser or compost if available).

Wet soil until it has the crumbly consistency of wet sand. (You can add Seasol to water if you desire)



Poke drainage holes into the bottom of the egg carton using scissors or a knife. The flat side of the carton can be used as a tray to catch drained water.

Add your soil mix and poke a shallow

shelter

Keep your seedlings inside or covered with a plastic bag to protect from the elements and maintain warmth so they can grow.

Keep soil moist with a small watering can or spray mister. Once sprouts appear remove the bag and find a sunny area for your plants.



Garden funnel:

This funnel will help you to maneuver potting mix easily into pots. You simply dig up the soil/potting mix and funnel it through the bottom. Enjoy an easier way of transferring soil while recycling an old milk bottle. This will work for all bottle sizes.

• <u>Download the tutorial</u>

