National Children's Gardening Week

Sensory path

Build a path for the senses





Here's what you'll need!

Shopping list for your local garden centre:

Horticultural sharp sand

Bricks, plywood or recycled wood for edging your path

Tarpaulin or similar membrane

Sensory fillers for your path, such as:

- Sand
- Gravel
- · Creeping thyme
- Straw
- Bark
- Turf
- Pebbles
- Water (you'll need a rubber liner for this!)

Instructions:

- 1. Decide where you want your path to go, and mark the edges of the path out using your horticultural sand
- 2. Dig out your path to be about 6 centimetres deep. If you want, you can line your path with the tarpaulin or membrane, but if you do make sure you cut drainage holes into it
- 3. Mark the edging of your path using your bricks or wood
- 4. Divide the length of your path up into sections using your bricks, plywood or recycled wood
- 5. Next, fill each section of your path with something different. Try filling a section with compost and planting creeping thyme plants in it; this will smell lovely when it's walked on. Fill other sections with your gravel, bark, water, turf, or other materials
- 6. You've now got your sensory path! When children walk it in bare feet they get a great feel for the different materials and the world around them. It's surprisingly relaxing for grown ups too!







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