

PAPER PLATE ALLOTMENT!

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Mary, Mary.... How's does your garden grow?

Gardening is very popular today with many people and children growing plants for their colourful flowers, or to eat as vegetables or fruits. The history of this goes back as far as the Romans when they conquered Britain two thousand years ago.

During the Second World War, all the country as a nation began to garden as food was in short supply and many people planted vegetables on any piece of land they could find. Once the war was over and rationing stopped in the early 1950s, many stopped growing their own food as it was now readily available in shops.

The fun in 'growing your own' though, hasn't stopped and it is now as popular as ever so have a go at growing a seed even if it is on a windowsill. Who knows, you might be able to grow your own tomato....If you cannot wait, have a go at growing your own vegetables from paper plates.

You will need

Two paper plates

Coloured paper/card to match the colours of the vegetables you want to grow

Scissors

Glue

Crayons and pencils

Tissue or crepe paper

Step by step instructions and photo are found over the next page.



We have created so many other activities, to take a look visit:

[Culture Crafts \(tameside.gov.uk\)](http://tameside.gov.uk/culturecrafts)



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How to Make your Paper Plate Allotment

Cut one paper plate in half and taking one semi-circle, apply glue to the back of the round edge only.

Try not to get any glue on the middle of this plate.

Turn the plate over and stick it to the other paper plate. There should now be a pocket between the two plates.

Colour the half plate brown for soil and the other part blue to be the sky. You can add a sun if you want or tissue paper for soil.

Take the coloured paper/card, cut out the shape of the vegetable you want to grow. Top Tip: An adult can help you with this.

Tuck your vegetables into the pocket and when you are ready, pull them out of the ground to show other what you have grown!

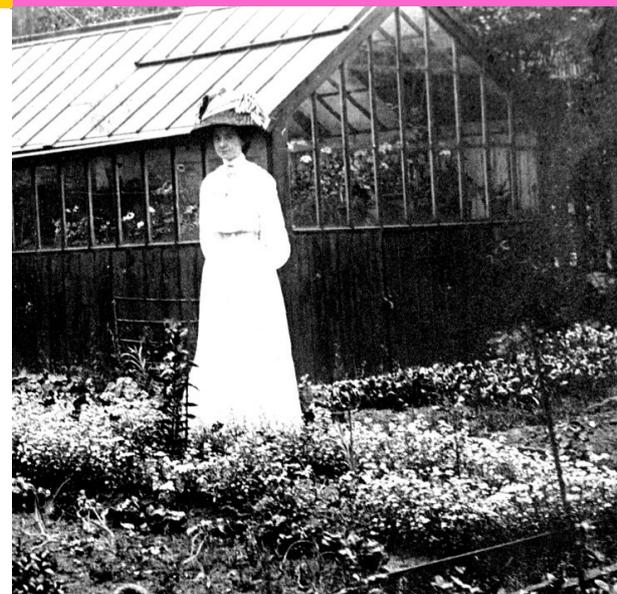
Some allotment fun facts!

The average waiting time for an allotment is 6 to 18 months.

There are approximately 330,000 allotments in the UK.

The trend for grow-your-own has resulted in a surge in demand. There are around 90,000 on waiting lists for an allotment.

There's a national society dedicated to allotments. Find out more at: <https://www.nsalg.org.uk>



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