



Crafty Gardeners E-Book



WELCOME TO OUR THIRD EDITION



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- **Garden art is any decorative object you place in your landscape.**
- **Use garden art to express your personality.**
- **Use whimsical items to bring fun to your gardens.**
- **These are my whimsical creatures that I put in my pots.**



Garden Art and Whimsical Art

Add Birdhouses to your garden.

Decorating your yard with birdhouses can add visual interest.

If you have an old tree trunk add some birdhouses to give a focal point in your yard.

Mount a birdhouse on a post and add a sign underneath with your address.

Place three birdhouses on posts at different heights for a focal point.

On the next three pages I have some pictures and how-to's for some unique birdhouses.



Log Birdhouse



This is a garden art piece that you could make in an afternoon.

Find a 4" or 5" diameter piece of branch and as long as you wish the birdhouse to be. Use a large drill bit and make two holes in the branch.

Cut the top of the log at an angle and put two boards on the top. You could use a piece of copper as well for the roof. You could also cut the branch straight across or have a one sided top. Don't forget to make a base out of a piece of wood and place on a post for visual accent.

Decorate with flowers, leaves, ribbon, or whatever you would like to add. Then find a little bird to put on a perch. Add eggs and some moss inside of one of the holes.





Straw Hat Birdhouse

Thanks Deb for this idea.

This is another very easy birdhouse.

Get an old straw hat and make a hole in the center of the hat and fill with some moss or something similar from underneath.

Decorate with a ribbon and add flowers of your choice.

Place on a wall outside and you have a beautiful birdhouse for your feathered friends.



Wood Birdhouse and Junk Birdhouse

These birdhouses belong to Judy.

The birdhouse on the left is made from regular 1 by lumber.

Cut a back piece the length that you would like and two side boards shorter than back. The side boards are cut at an angle. The center board is cut the same length as the two side boards, but set back in a little ways.

Add your top, either hinged for cleaning or nailed to your back board.

Measure the opening for your bottom board and nail it in place.

The birdhouse on the right could be made out of a purchased birdhouse. If you do that all you have to do is decorate with all kinds of finds from garage sale and thrift store. Use any glue that's suitable for outdoors.

You can have lots of fun with this one so please give it a try.



Lighted Potpourri Jar



This is another very easy craft project.

Save a quart jar and put a 20 strand light with plug, either white lights or colored. This one has colored lights.

Fill with your favorite potpourri.

Found a crochet doily and put on top and tie ribbon, yarn or material around the doily and light your master piece up and smell the delightful fragrance.

Never leave plugged in while unattended



Amazing Flower Pictures



Try close ups of your flowers and see the amazing beauty that God has gave us.



Camera Fun



Have some fun with your camera. These pictures were taken with a regular Camera nothing fancy, and you can see you can make some beautiful art work.

Take a shot of your favorite flower and put in a contrasting color frame and you Will have something to enjoy on your wall.



Recycled Art Work



Matted Black Frames

I found three frames that were identical and spray painted black from the local thrift store.

The piece of fabric also came from the same thrift store and I cut out three different pieces of material that fit the frames. Then I put three mats bought from a store in town over the material. Sandwich them between the glass and cardboard from frame.

Now you have some art work to display that didn't cost you an arm and leg.



Printer Art Work Color or Black and White



These are another very easy craft project for your décor. Mine are done in lighthouses.

First off, recycle some used picture frames and paint them all in the same color.

Then print pictures of your choice to put in them.

Matt around your pictures to give them some depth.



Wine Bottle



The last one is a picture of a gift to a friend, this lighted wine bottle.

I posted this one before and this is just a different version. I printed out the label for her to make it more personal.

Hope you have enjoyed the third edition of Crafty Gardeners E-Book

Please contribute some of your craft ideas. Just email a picture and how-to for me.

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