





On your marker, get grubby, get set...GROW!

Set your marker

marker!

Before you plant your seeds, set your plant marker where you want to plant. It's easy peasy. Take out the marker and pop it onto the ground. And there you have it.. one plant

Where to plant

Sunflowers love the sun. Choose the sunniest spot in your garden for them to grow. You can also grow them in a big pot or container.

When to plant

The best time to plant sunflowers is from August to January.

Greenthumb tip

These sunflowers are very tall! As well as heaps of sun, sunflowers also need lots of space. So choose somewhere in the garden that has

plenty of room for them to grow.

Somewhere not too windy, perhaps along a fence or near a building.

Plant near friends.

Sunflowers have loads of friends! Sunflowers love to be grown near cucumbers, melons, sweet corn and squash. Sunflowers don't like being planted near potatoes.









greenthumb badge



seed sower badge



waterer badge



seedling badge



weeder badge



good gardener badge



great gardener badge



harvest badge



super dooper gardener badge



sunflower badge



night owl badge



recipes badge



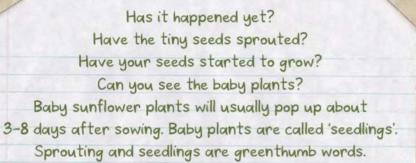








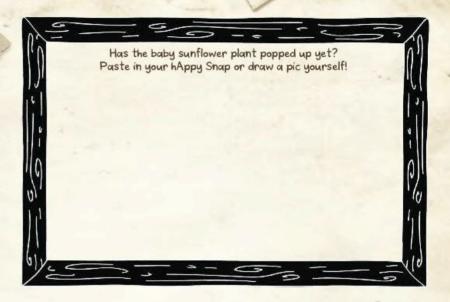
Sunflower: week 1, day 7



And here's another one and it's a biggy: "germination".

Germination is when seeds sprout and begin to grow.

Amazing!



When your seeds germinate, find your badge sheet, cut out the seedling badge and stick it in the badge patch! Yay!!





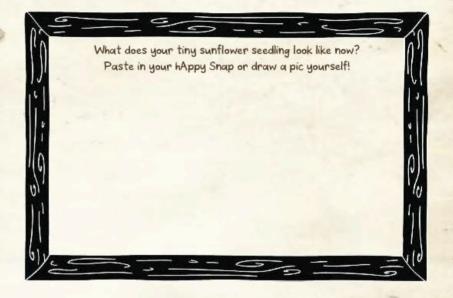
Sunflower: week 2, day 14

Hi Greenthumb!

You can help your sunflowers grow by keeping
the sunflower seedling area weed-free
and gently watering each day, but other than that
they don't need a lot of looking out for and should grow
quickly. Are you ready to get grubby?

Let's get weeding.

Here's a hint:
don't pull out the sunflower seedling!



You rock! Find your badge sheet, cut out the weeder badge and stick it in the badge patch.
While you are waiting and watching your sunflower grow, why not take a happy snApp?

I would love to see it! You can stick it right here on this page!

Or you can ask a grown-up to help you send it to me at my scrapblog or facebook.

Check your kit again next week, greenthumb! I'll see you soon!



seedling VS weedling!!

Here is another great word for your dictionary: Weed. A weed is a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with your own garden plants. Weeds take valuable food out of the soil and sometimes grow very fast and block the sun from your fruits and vegetables while they are growing. It's great to know your weeds from your seedlings! That way you don't accidentally pull out your new baby plants when you are weeding your garden.

Let's play sunflower SNAP! It's time to get friendly with sunflower seedlings. Cut out the cards and play a game of SNAP! to see if you can pick the seedling from the weedling. To get you started, here's a key to help you identify which is which. This can be tricky so put on your nature detective cap and look carefully!



SEEDLING: sunflower



SEEDLING: tomato



SEEDLING: lettuce



WEED: castor plant



WEED: cobbler's pegs



WEED: scotch thistle

seedling VS weedling!!



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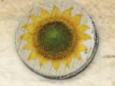


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Sunflower: week 3, day 21



Sunflower seeds are used for making cooking oil, medicine, paint, animal feed and biodiesel.

Maybe I could run my big orange tractor on sunflower power. Wow!



You're amazing sunflower gardening deserves a badge!

Now find your badge sheet, cut out the good gardener badge and stick it on the badge patch!

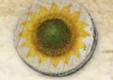
You rock, Greenthumb!



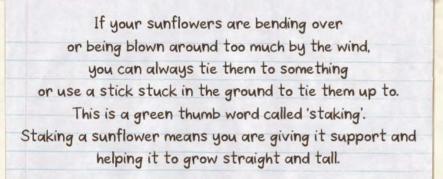








Sunflower: week 6, day 42

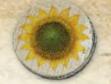




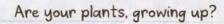
You have earnt a badge for all your awasome sunflower growing! So find your badge sheet, cut out the staker badge and stick it in the badge patch!







Sunflower: week 7, day 49



How tall do you think your plant is now?

While you are waiting and watching your sunflowers grow, why not take some happy snApps?

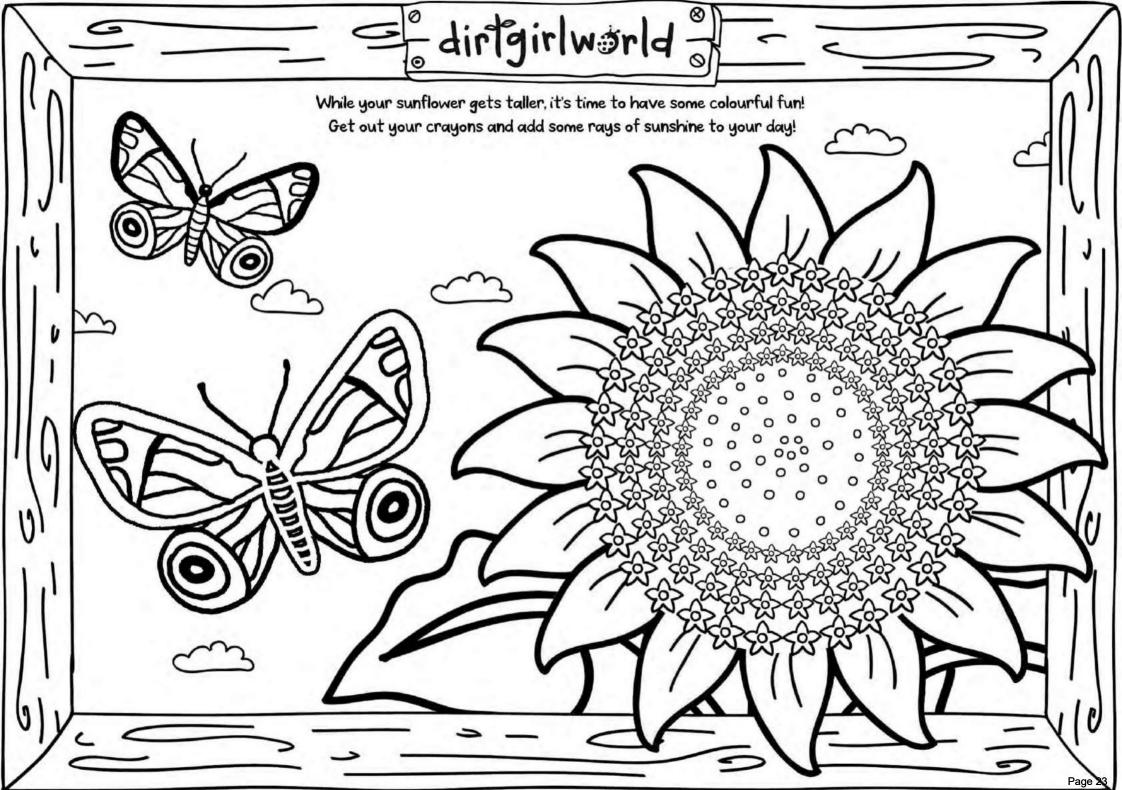
I would love to see them.



If you visit your sunflower at night time to see how it's growing, find your night owl badge, cut it out and stick it in your badge patch.









Sunflower: week 9, day 63

Yay! Sunflower power!

Well done Greenthumb.

Very soon you should start to see
the big happy sunflower heads
as the sunflowers start to bloom.

You can enjoy your beautiful sunflowers
in the garden before they start to droop and
dry enough for you to harvest the seeds.

Over the page, are some tips & hints about
harvesting your yummy sunflower seeds.

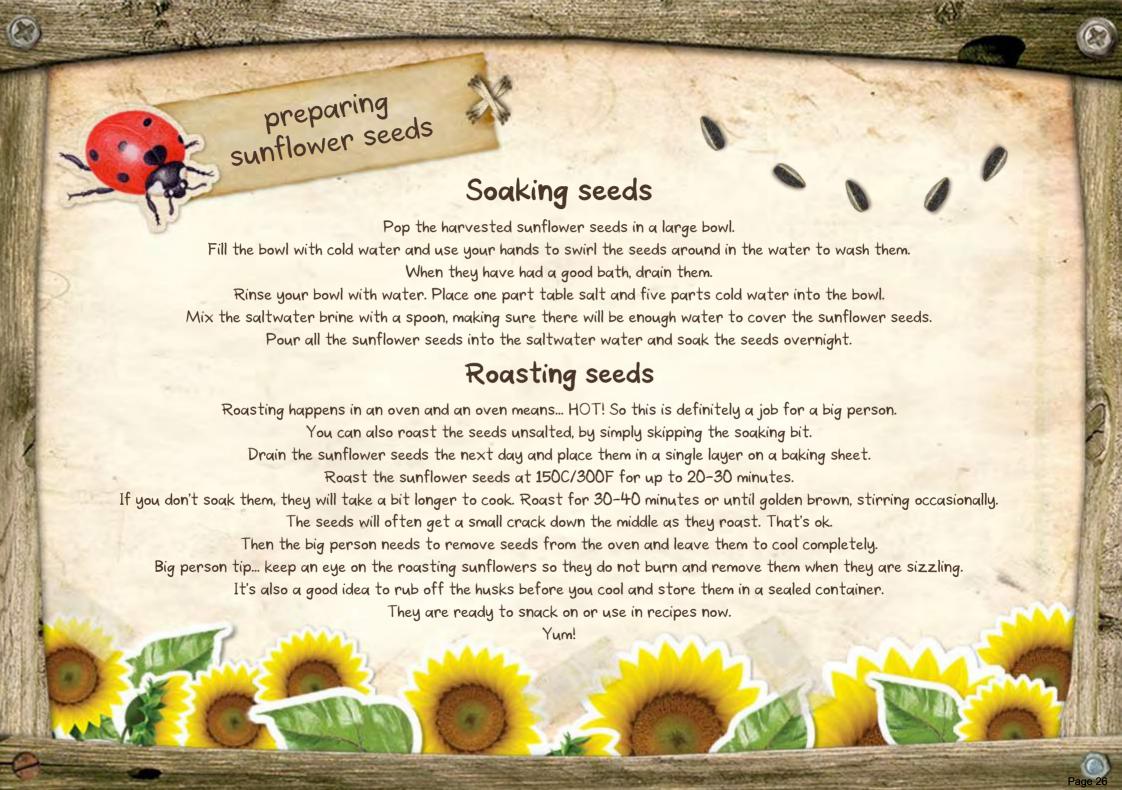


You have earnt a badge for all your awesome sunflower growing! So find your badge sheet, cut out the super dooper gardener badge and stick it in the badge patch!

Oh, and don't forget to check your kit again next week!









Sunflower: week 10, day 70

Can you see a sunflower now? Woo hoo!!!

Congratulations Greenthumb you have grown a sunflower!!!!

Wow! You planted the seed and watered and cared for it and it grew and grew into a sunflower. Amazing!

Growing sunflowers is great fun but the fun doesn't end with the flower.

Wait until the sunflower heads have gone completely brown on the plant, then ask a big person to chop them off with enough stem to hang them up to dry out for a couple of weeks.

When they dry, rub them to loosen the seeds.
You can share some with the birds or use them in recipes or for craft activities. You are a sensational Greenthumb!
Over the page, you'll find a delicious sunflower seed recipe!
Yummo!

What does your sunflower look like?
Paste in your hAppy Snap or draw a pic yourself!

Find your badge sheet, cut out the recipe badge and stick it in the badge patch.



