

# the Little buffalos Savings Club

Quarterly Newsletter for Kids



## Make a Superhero or Fairy Garden

It's getting sunnier and warmer outside, which means it's the perfect time to build a superhero or fairy garden using herbs! The best part about building a mini garden with herbs like rosemary, basil, chives, or mint is that in a few weeks, you can put them into recipes for your favorite foods like pizza or spaghetti sauce. You can grow your mini garden inside or outside, depending on the weather.

When you put time and money into something now and get rewards later, it's called investing. So let's invest in building a fun herb garden for your favorite superhero, fairy, or action figure to stand guard in until you're ready to use the herbs. Yum!

### What you'll need:

- A flower pot, bucket, or half-barrel planter
- Planting soil
- Some pebbles or mulch (optional, depending on herbs)
- Herb seeds or young seedlings
- Fairy, superhero, or action figure(s) to live in the garden and watch your plants grow!
- Optional extras:
  - Mini furniture and accessories for your herb garden figurines to enjoy
  - Paint or stickers to decorate your garden pot/planter/bucket



### What to do:

- Pour the soil into your garden pot, leaving several inches at the top.
- Plant your seeds or seedlings into the soil.
- Place any pebbles or mulch on top of the soil and around the seedlings.
- Water your garden!
- Put your figurines in the garden—maybe in a secret place to hide, or right where they can watch the plants growing.
- Now you can watch the herbs grow and tell stories about how your super hero or fairy is helping the tiny plants get bigger and stronger.
- When the herbs are ready, ask an adult to help pick them and use in your favorite recipe!

## Ways to Be a Superhero for the Environment

Superheroes help others. But did you know you could become a superhero by helping the animals and environment where you live? Here's how:



**Volunteer for park or wildlife area clean-up.** Your parks need your help! You can protect the native fish, birds, frogs, and other animals by volunteering with your park service to clean up rivers and natural areas. You can also protect native flowers and trees by weeding out invasive plants. Ask an adult to look into volunteer opportunities near your home to keep your parks and rivers safe and healthy.

**Build a rain garden at home.** Rain gardens help control pollution, protect against flooding, improve habitats for native wildlife, conserve water, and protect rivers and streams. You can build one by finding the natural low-point in your yard and then filling it with the right kinds of soil and planting special flowers with deep roots. Ask a local rain garden expert for help.

**Plant flowers for bees or build houses for bats.** Bees and bats are very important to the environment and even the food we eat. Find out what kinds of flowers bees like best that grow in your state and ask your parents to help you plant them in the spring. Find instructions online for building a bat house and have an adult attach it to a tree. The bees will help the other plants in your garden grow and the bats will eat the mosquitoes!



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