Royal Horticultural Society

Sharing the best in Gardening

RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL

Self Guided Activity Ideas for Schools

Key Stage 2

Garden Design

Curricular Links: Art

How long will it take?

As long as you like!

What do we need to bring?

Sketchbooks or clipboards and paper, pencils, colour wheels, colouring pencils or pastels, cameras.

How do we do it?

- Visit different parts of the garden. Use the colour wheel to see which differnt colours have been used and how they fit toghether.
- Sketch some examples of flowers and note their colour.
- Sketch any interesting features of the garden.
- Photograph flowers and features.

Where can we do it?

All around the garden.

When can we do it?

Spring , summer or early autumn.

Follow-up Ideas for School

- Ask the children to use the sketches, photographs and colours to design their own gardens.
- Create miniature gardens using trays, compost and natural materials.
- Design a small garden and recreate it in your own school grounds.
- Look at the design of famous gardens around the world - for example Versailles or the gardens of the Alhambra.