

Monarch Garden-in-a-Bag !

Help the Monarch's survive by creating a Monarch Garden in a bag with simple tools and a few items from the local garden center.



Locate a sunny corner of your yard, whether on the patio, driveway, lawn or even in your existing garden. Take the supply list to the local garden center and you can help the Monarch butterflies!

Supplies:

- 1 -40 pd bag of potting soil
- 2 zinnia plants
- 1 cosmos plant
- 2 liatris (rocky mountain is best)
- 1 joe-pye weed
- 1 butterfly weed (orange)
- 1 common milkweed plants
- 1 goldenrod plant (showy)
- 2 marigold plants
- 4 impatiens plants

Equipment:

- Scissors
- Ruler
- Garden gloves
- Watering can
- Container (box) for soil removed from bag during planting.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the bag outside in a sunny location where it will stay.
2. Cut four slits on one side of the bag of soil. Make them about 5 inches long.
3. Turn bag over to its permanent location. Cut a large “X” in the side of the bag.
4. Peel back the plastic. Tuck each of the corners under the bag.
5. Dig a long, narrow trench in the soil near one side of the bag.
6. Remove plants from containers, pulling gently at the roots to loosen them.
7. Add zinnias, joe-pye weed and butterfly bush to trench.
8. Add portion of removed soil around the plants, covering the roots. Press soil firmly.
9. Dig a second long hole about 1 inch in front of the first one.
10. Repeat steps 5 and 6 with milkweed, liatris, and golden rod plants.
11. Dig a third long hole, about 1 inch in front of the second one.
12. Add remaining plants and soil into the bag.
13. Water the plants well.
14. Water on a regular basis, generally every other day throughout the growing season.

