

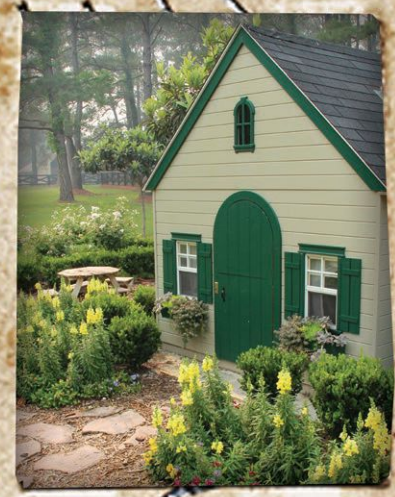


LANDSCAPE CALENDAR  
**OUTDOOR  
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### *An invitation to play*

From the tiny mailbox to the playhouse doorbell that really works, this children's garden installed in South West Gainesville beckons children outdoors for hours of playtime. Gardens inspire a sense of wonder and whimsy. The goal for kids is to engage all the five senses by providing an environment to use their imagination in a place of their very own. Try these ideas.



# HOME

HOME & GARDEN

## *Backyard Adventures*

Engage your child's senses with their very own garden adventure.

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*Smell...* Kids love exploring the different scents of herbs and flowers.



*Feel...* watering the garden or carefully helping daddy trim the roses both require a steady hand.



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*Sight and Taste...*

Children are more likely to eat fruits and vegetables they grow themselves. The sweetness of a ripe strawberry proves irresistible when planted along a garden path.

