

Gardner Gnome

Summer Garden Project

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Gardner Gnome's Vegetable Garden

The Gardner Gnome Projects for children are fun, learning activities with a purpose. Children can make a colorful stand-up garden out of cardboard. The goal of Gardner Gnome Projects is to help prepare children for a real gardening experience, teach them to work with others, and inspire them to help those in need.

Instructions

To make a stand-up garden display, color the pictures. Then cut out around the figures. Paste them onto cardboard or poster board. Finish cutting out detail. Fold along the base and the figures will stand.

Vocabulary

It's fun to match Gardner Gnome's vocabulary words to the stand-up display. You will find the vocabulary words on the last page.

A Real Garden

This art project can be coupled with a garden project. Gardner Gnome encourages children to start a garden at home or at school or anywhere there is an available spot to grow a garden. Gardner gnome encourages children to sell their produce and to give 10% of the proceeds to children in need or to give food to the food bank. (*See Gardner Gnome's letter to children.*)

Summer Garden

Dear Children,

I can't let summer go by without writing to you. Summer is my favorite time of the year, being a gardener! I see gardens everywhere full of flowers and herbs and wonderful organic fruits and vegetables. I'm hoping you'll want to have a garden, too, maybe with a little help from your family and friends and a lot of help from me. And it will be even more fun if you get together with classmates, friends or neighbors and have a community garden!

I always get a head start, so start planning in the winter what you'll plant in the spring. Then by harvest time you will be able to sell beautiful garden produce to your family, neighbors and friends. Or maybe you can even have a neighborhood backyard vegetable auction with other children or take your produce to a farmer's market to sell. And don't forget neighborhood flower sales!

Then you'll be able, once again, to help children in need. And that's something to feel really good about.

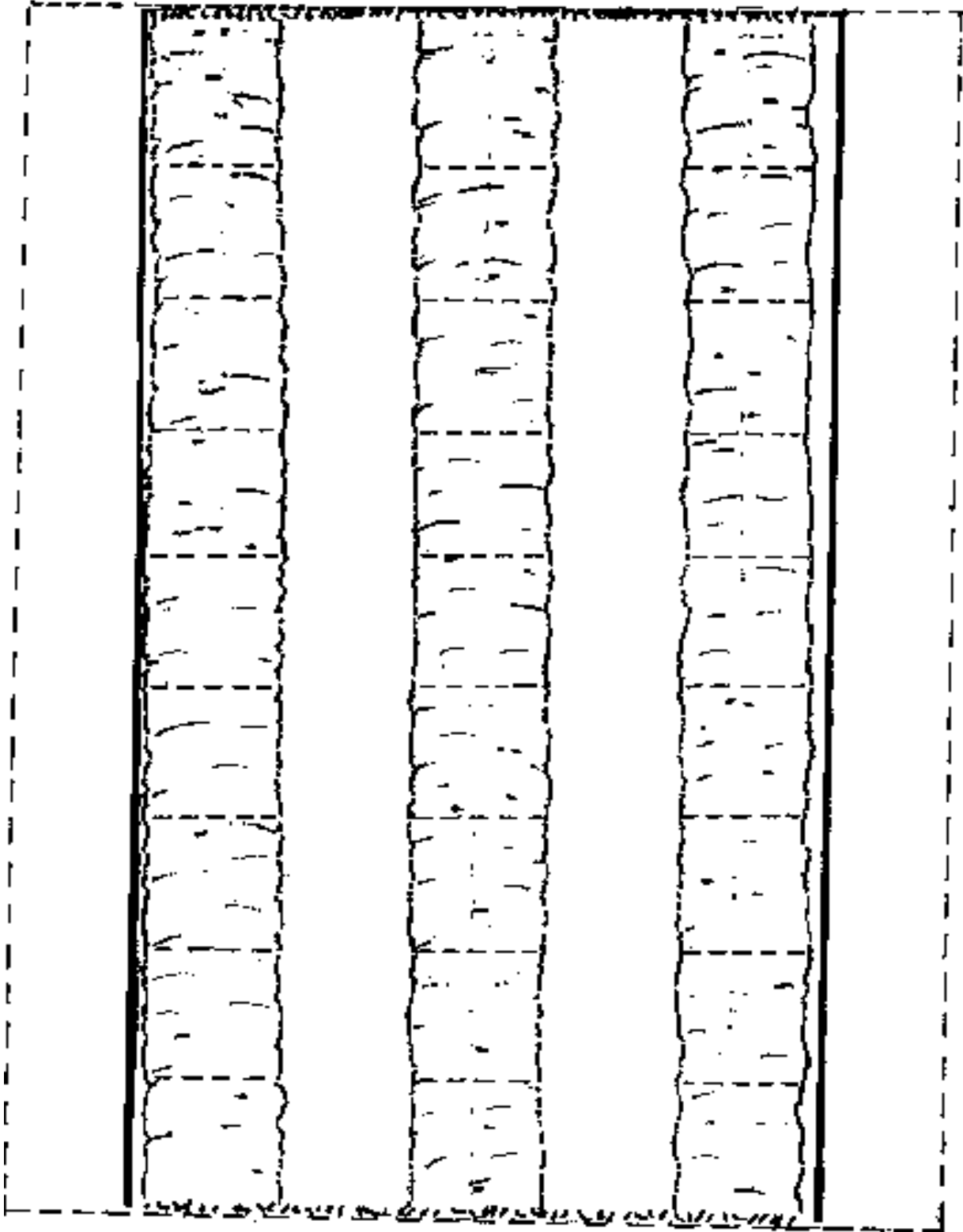
Your Friend,

Gardner Gnome

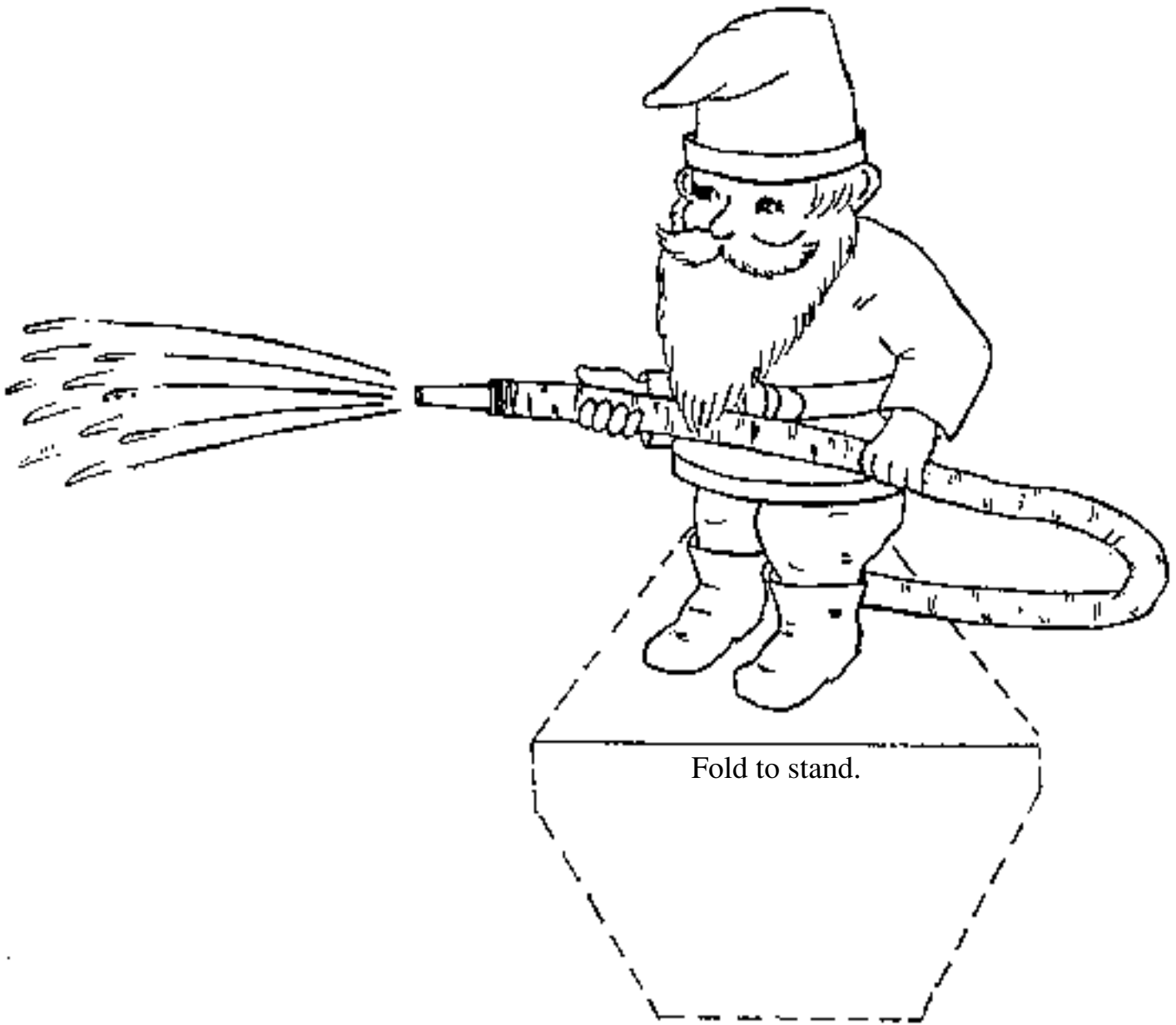
This picture of Gardner Gnome needs a base to stand upright. Draw a wide base. Then color and cut out Gardner Gnome and his vegetable stand.



Make slits in furrows for inserting vegetables.



Gardner Gnome has prepared the ground to grow vegetables in this garden plot. Color the plot and cut it out.



Gardner Gnome uses a gardening hose to water the plants growing in his garden. Color and cut out Gardner Gnome.

Color the vegetables and cut them out. Put them in the slits in the garden plot furrows.



These are the vegetables growing in Gardner Gnome's garden. Do you recognize them?



Potatoes, carrots, lettuce, onions, radishes and beets will grow in the garden.

Vocabulary Words

basket sign table

beet carrot furrow

garden plot lettuce

cap watering hose

leafy greens radish

potato onion beard

Gardner Gnome

Before cutting out the words from this sheet take a ruler and draw a border around each word and paste onto cardboard. (Optional: Laminate with clear contact paper.) Lastly, cut out the words around the borders.