

# Getting Creative in the Garden

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Basic supplies to have on hand: wire, weatherproof glue/silicone sealer, Cling floral adhesive, bark-covered wire, assorted ribbons, twine, and lashing cord from Gardener's Supply Company.

**Display pretty seed packages** using tiny clothespins available at craft stores. String a cord or ribbon between to branches, or from hook to hook on a wall, and pin the seed packages up.



**Make Cane Toppers** with small flower pots. Use wooden finials or balls on the top. Use Cling floral adhesive inside to hold the pot on the canes.



**Twig Hearts** – Cut red twig dogwood or other branches, about 3 or 4 feet long. Branches should be freshly cut so they are bendable. Fasten bottom together first with wire, then curve the

branches to either side. Fasten to hold with wire, then run the wire down do the bottom and tie it around the base, holding the top into a heart position.



**Fabric Bag upgrades** – Use decorative wire edging for around fabric grow-bags. You can also use short bamboo edging/fencing, or any random bricks or blocks you have piled in your yard.







**Make critter protection ornamental** – add beads, chandelier crystals or other glass to any wire plant protection, such as the Chicken Wire Cloche shown at the NWFGF in 2024. (Link to that Cloche below.) Your critter-deterrent is also a garden ornament!



**Use lighting as a plant support.** Stake lighting can be both functional and ornamental! See the links below for this light stake from Gardener's Supply Company.



**Create a Vine Hut** for kids with tall bamboo stakes and the Trellis Netting from Gardener's Supply Company. Or use the netting to create a privacy screen on your front porch, terrace or back deck. Plant fast growing annuals such as: scarlet runner beans, moon flowers, purple hyacinth beans, or morning glory to fill the netting.



Items shown from [www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com)

[Decorative Grow Bags, 16"](#) [Dandelion Solar Stake](#) [Chicken Wire Cloche](#) [Coco Trellis Netting, 4' x 15'](#) [Lashing Cord](#) [Plug-In Fairy Lights](#)

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