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My First Garden Planner

Your Personalized Garden Blueprint

Welcome, future gardener! Use this worksheet to map out your very first garden. Answer the questions below, choose your starter veggies, and you'll have a clear, actionable plan to get growing. Let's do this!

■ ABOUT YOUR GROWING SPACE

Where Will You Garden?

My garden location:

e.g., Backyard, Balcony, Windowsill, Patio, Raised bed

How much sunlight does your space get?

- Full sun (6+ hours of direct sunlight)
- Partial shade (3-6 hours)
- Mostly shade (less than 3 hours)

Approximate space you have:

e.g., 4x4 ft bed, 5 containers, 1 balcony corner

🎯 YOUR GARDEN GOALS

What Do You Want to Grow?

What excites you most? (Check all that apply)

- Fresh salads & leafy greens
- Juicy tomatoes
- Herbs for cooking
- Crunchy peppers & veggies
- Quick-growing wins (fast harvests)
- Something surprising or unique

Other veggies or herbs you're dreaming about:

e.g., zucchini, basil, pumpkins...



★ **PICK YOUR TOP 3 NO-FAIL STARTERS**

◆ **From Gardening 101: The Easiest Veggies for Beginners**

Lettuce, Radish, Zucchini, Sugar Snap Peas, Cherry Tomatoes, Herbs (basil, oregano, thyme)

My Top 3 No-Fail Veggies

1 e.g., Cherry Tomatoes

2 e.g., Lettuce

3 e.g., Basil

Why these three? Write down one reason you picked each:

Why veggie #1...

Why veggie #2...

Why veggie #3...

✓ **YOUR FIRST STEPS (CHECK AS YOU GO!)**

Ready to Grow?

- Find my USDA Hardiness Zone** (visit planthardiness.ars.usda.gov)
- Check my frost dates** for spring and fall planting
- Gather supplies:** soil, pots, seeds (or seedlings), tools
- Pick my planting date** based on frost dates & seed packet info
- Set up my growing space** (soil, sunlight check, water source)
- Plant my first seeds or seedlings!** Take a photo & share the joy!

◆ **Pro Tip: Keep This Worksheet!**

Hang this on your fridge or save it on your phone. Come back to it throughout the season to track your progress!