

This is an activity for kids and their parents on how to plant a pollinator garden following certain rules.

Read the planting rules and then look over plans X and Y. Decide which plan would be the best way to plant the flowers.

Hint: Plan X is the correct way.

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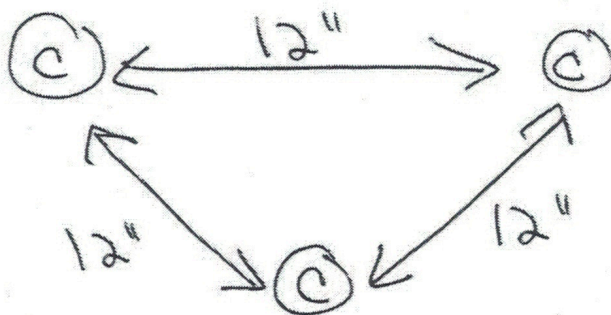
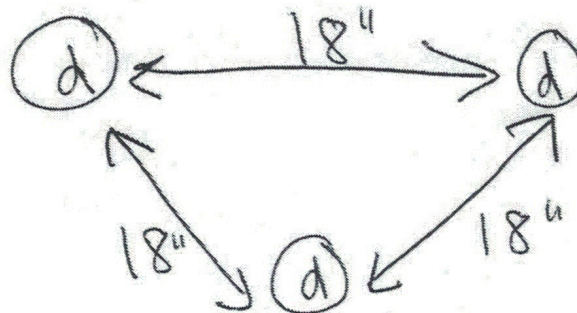
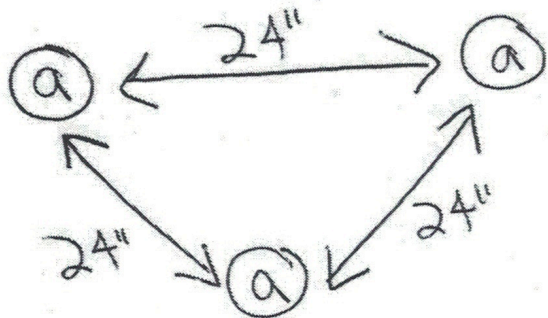
Planting Rules:

1. Place tall plants (24" or 36") in the back closer to the lake and shorter plants (12") in the front next to the sidewalk
2. Place three plants of one variety ie. A, B, C, near each other in a group. Do not scatter them around the bed individually.
3. Don't plant them too close together. If they will eventually grow 24" wide, you cannot place them 12" apart or they will be too crowded and become stunted.
4. You need a variety of plants that will provide blossoms from spring to fall, not just one season.
5. You need sun loving plants here, not shade loving plants since there is no trees or any other shade. Shade lovers will become sunburned and may die.

Plant variety	Height	Width	Bloom time	Sun or shade
A	36"	24"	Spring	Sun-loving
B	36"	24"	Spring	Shade-loving
C	12"	12"	Summer	Sun-loving
D	24"	18"	Fall	Sun-loving
E	12"	12"	Spring	Shade-loving
F	48"	36"	Spring	Shade-loving
G	12"	12"	Spring	Shade-loving

Plan X

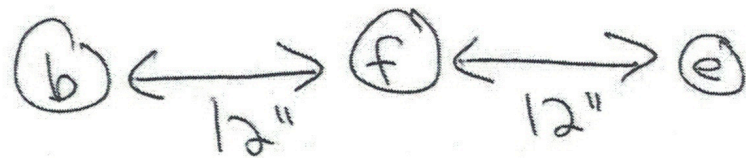
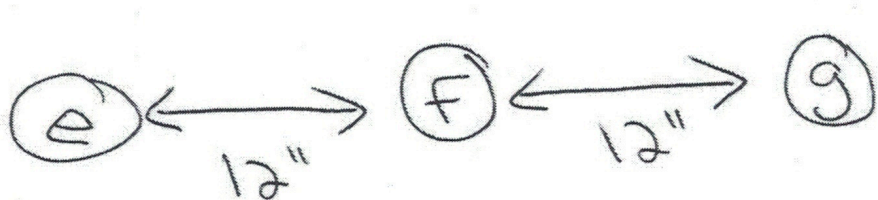
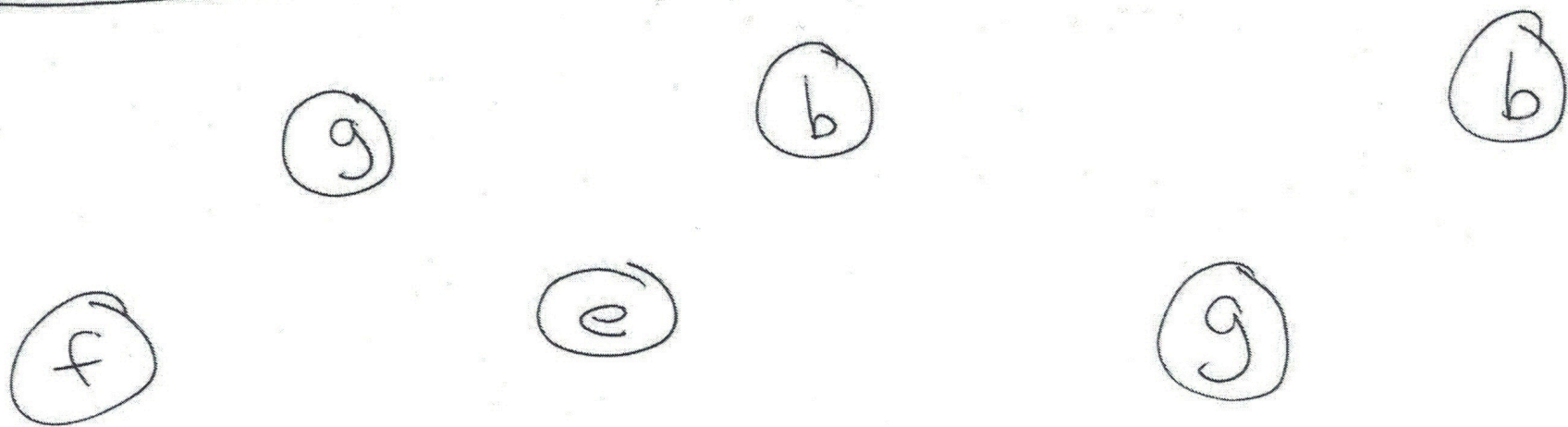
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Sidewalk

Plan Y

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