

A Soil Look

Book 2 · The Corner Crew

You need: A grown-up, a clean tray, a small adult-approved garden soil sample or container mix, a magnifier if available, and paper.

1. Let a grown-up choose a safe sample. Never collect beside roads, spills, animal waste, or unknown chemicals.
2. Look for particles, old plant pieces, and spaces. Sketch what you can actually see.
3. Notice differences between a garden soil sample and a container mix. They do not have to look the same.
4. Return the sample where the grown-up directs. Make a shared plant-care plan that begins with observing.

Garden safely: Do not taste or breathe in loose soil or mix. Keep it away from food. Avoid dusty material; a grown-up can lightly dampen it. Cover cuts and wash hands afterward.

Another way: Use a photograph or draw a soil world with particles and spaces.

Wonder: What did you see? What might be present but too small to see?

My garden notes

Name: _____ Date: _____

I noticed...

I wonder...

Next time, I could...
