

If you live in a place where the weather is warm most of the year, then you've already seen many different types of plants and flowers this spring

season. If you live further north, now may be the perfect time to think about planting a garden. Here are a few tips to get started.

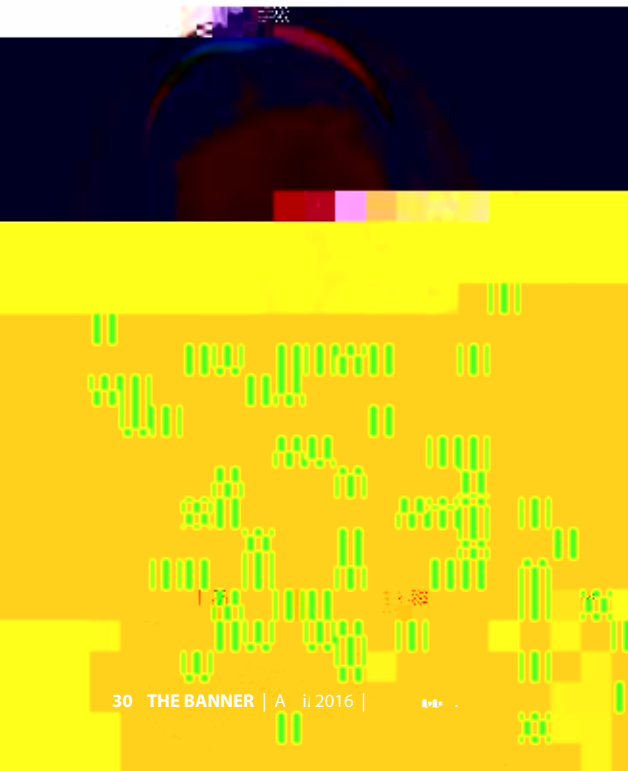
Gardens can grow just about anywhere!

Since some places in large cities do not have much extra land for gardening, many people use the rooftops of buildings to plant gardens. This is a great way to use the extra space on roofs for a very special purpose.

All you need to create a container garden is a bag of potting soil, a package of seeds, and regu-



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Bees are a garden's best friend. Bees love to buzz from flower to flower to collect pollen and nectar. As the bees travel to each flower, pollen from the bees lands on a special part of the flower that helps the flowers produce fruit and more flowers. Without bees, plants would not even exist!

Earthworms may be squiggly and squirmy, but they can help your plants grow. These underground creatures create tunnels in the soil as they squiggle and squirm. The tunnels create spaces for air and water to get to the roots of plants. Earthworms also eat things in the ground like dead leaves, grass, and yes, even dirt! After an earthworm's yummy meal, it produces waste called "castings." This adds great nutrients to the soil to help plants grow even healthier. The more worms in your garden, the better!



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Here is a fun way to make a garden right in your home! It's best if you do this activity outside, since you may get a little dirty.

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