

STEP 6

Peel off this paper, it's sticky underneath.
Stick your characters down here.

STEP 7

Give them names.

STEP 8

Choose a setting for your story.
Look through this window at the view and decide
where the story will happen.
You could take a photo or draw a picture
on the front cover of this book.


STEP 9


Keep thinking about your story as you explore
the gardens. You could tell your story as you
go, or write it when you get home.

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STORY STARTER

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 Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

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The gardens at Hillsborough Castle are filled with amazing things. There are temples, an ice house, a burial ground, ancient ruins (that aren't actually ancient at all), a lost garden, even a statue of the storyteller Ossian... and lots more!

Let the gardens inspire you to come up with your own story. Follow the steps in this book to get started.

! Take care in the garden, especially near water.

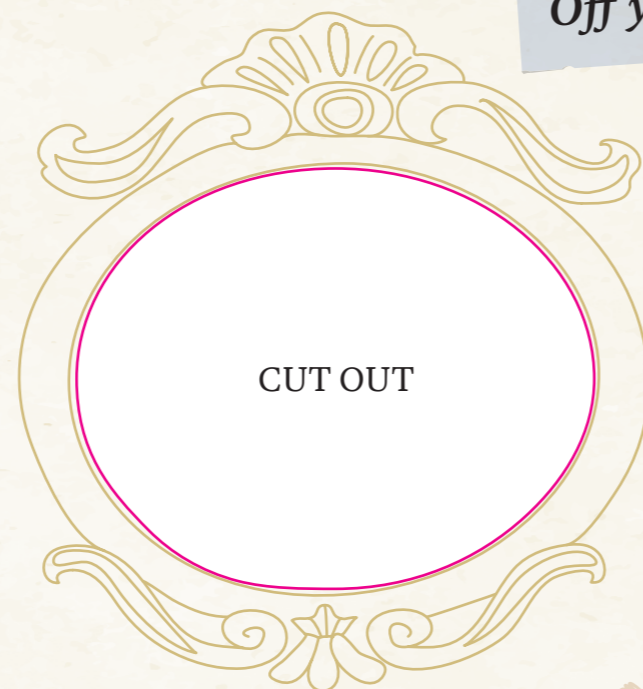


STEP 1

You are going to make your characters from things you find in the gardens. You will start by exploring the gardens and collecting materials.

Hold up this page and peep at the gardens through the hole. Move it around to get different views. Decide together which way to go.

Off you go!



STEP 2

Gather natural materials like leaves, twigs, seeds and petals. Only collect things that have fallen on the ground – don't pick things that are growing.

STEP 3

Use this page to arrange the things you have collected to make tiny people or creatures.

When you have made a creature or person you like, stick them onto the back page. they will be the characters in your story.

STEP 4

Decide what type of story it will be. Will it be spooky, exciting, funny or sad? What will happen to your characters? Will they have a problem to tackle, a mystery to solve, a promise they must keep or a dream they want to come true?

STEP 5

Explain what is special about each character. Do they have a skill?

Magic power?

A secret?

What sort of character are they?

Perhaps they are funny, friendly, scary, brave...

