

What do I need?

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Scissors

Glue stick

Pencil

Any of the following craft materials; graph paper, tissue paper, paints, colouring pens or pencils, modelling clay, lolly sticks, etc.



Moroccan shoebox garden

What do I do?

Look at pages 2-3 to discover the main features of a traditional Moroccan char bagh (four square) courtyard garden and to get inspiration for your shoebox design.

Cut around the outside of the template on page 4 so you are left with the net of a shoebox with no lid.

Use your pencil to draw a Moroccan-style garden design onto your template. The central rectangle will be the ground and the four outer rectangles will be the enclosing walls.

Make sure you design your garden with these four important factors in mind: symmetry, enclosure, water and shade.

Once you're happy with your design, you can decorate it using your craft materials. For example, scrunch up pieces of tissue paper to make trees and shrubs or colour in graph paper for tiled paths. You could even cut out a section of a wall to make an entrance.

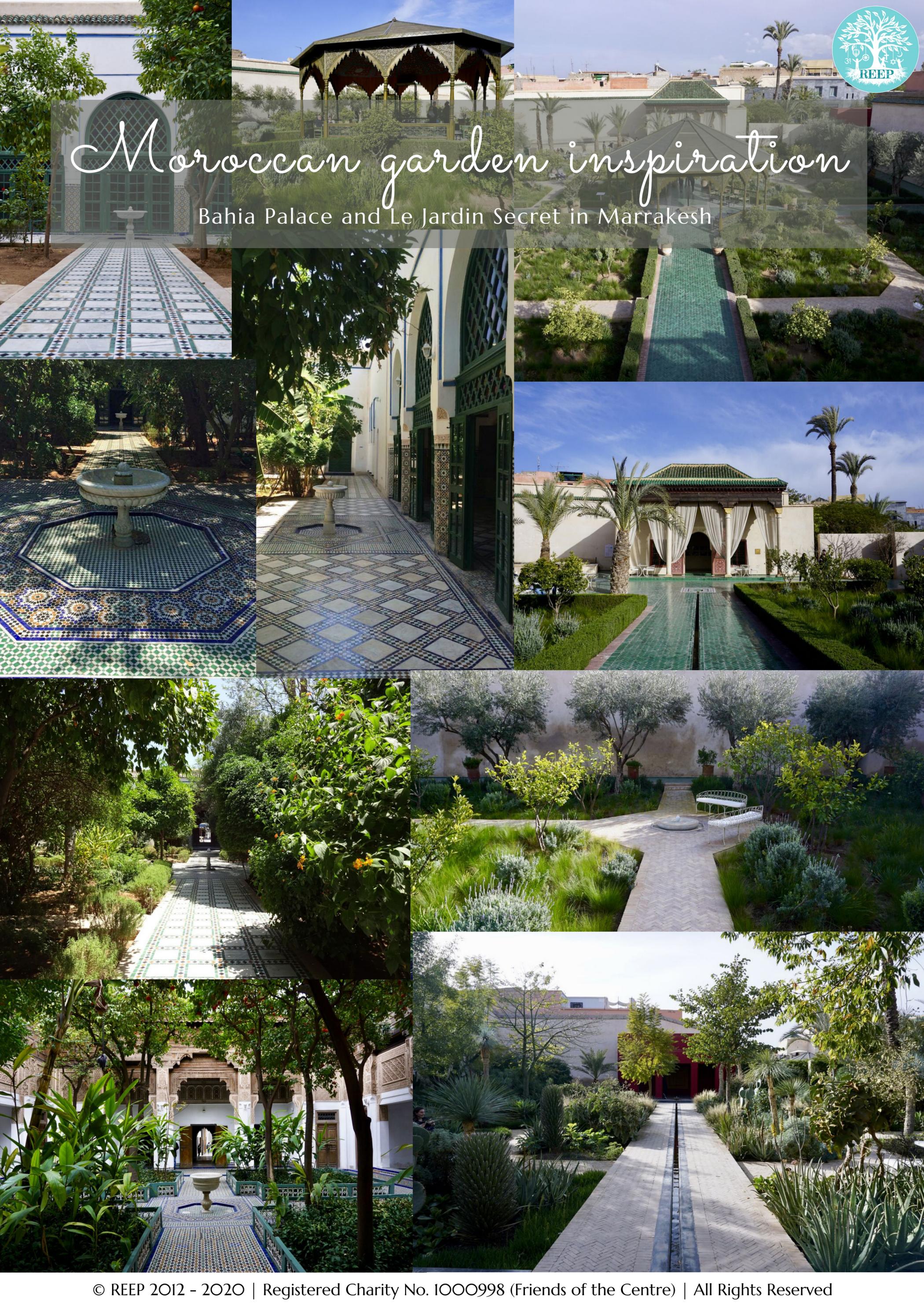
When you've finished, carefully fold the walls inwards along the dashed lines. Fold tabs A-D inwards then use your glue to stick these to the outside of your walls to form a box shape.

If you're feeling very creative, why don't you decorate the outside of your box to look like garden walls too!



Moroccan garden inspiration

Bahia Palace and Le Jardin Secret in Marrakesh





Moroccan garden glossary

- arch - a curved symmetrical opening, usually a doorway.
- flower bed - a plot in the garden used to grow flowers.
- flower pot - a small container used to grow plants in.
- fountain - an ornamental feature in a garden which spouts water.
- low hedge - small hedges which can be used to frame flower beds or paths.
- olive tree - commonly found tree that grows in Morocco
- orange tree - another commonly found tree in Morocco.
- path - a path usually tiled, which leads you around the garden to different features.
- pergola - a garden structure used to create a shaded walkway or seating area
- seat - a place for people to sit and relax or eat.
- shade - an area not in direct sunlight (caused by structures such as trees)
- symmetry - it describes the same shape either side of the middle. In Islam it is a sign of God.
- tile (zellige) - an area covered with decorative, usually square, tiles which fit perfectly next to each other.
- wall - commonly used for privacy and enclosing the garden
- water rill - a long, straight channel constructed for water to flow down.

