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Harvest²Cuisine
Kitchen Garden Planner & Harvest Journal

A practical workbook for planning a home garden, keeping seasonal records, and bringing the harvest into the kitchen.

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Make this workbook your own

Plan the garden you can care for, record what happens, and connect each harvest with the meals you enjoy. Use the worksheets in any order and duplicate the log pages whenever you need more room.

In Word, type directly into blank cells and response lines. Tables and text are editable and unprotected. For paper records, print the pages you need at actual size on US Letter paper.

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01 Garden Overview & Site Notes

Capture the conditions you will use to make planting and care decisions.

Garden name and location

Year / season _____ Gardener _____

Garden type: ☐ In-ground ☐ Raised bed ☐ Container ☐ Windowsill ☐ Other

Growing area / dimensions and water source

Sunlight observations — hours, time of day, and seasonal changes

Shade, wind, and drainage notes

Soil or growing medium — texture, test date / results, amendments

Seasonal goals and success criteria — what will a useful season look like?

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02 Garden Layout Planner

Duplicate this page for each bed, container group, windowsill, or growing area.

Bed / area name _____ Dimensions _____

Orientation / north arrow _____ Sketch scale, if used _____

Label cells with crop names or key symbols. This sketch is not a spacing guide. Use crop- and variety-specific spacing guidance for your growing method.

Planting key

Key	Crop	Variety	Location

Paths, access, irrigation, or layout changes

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03 Seed & Plant Inventory

Check what you already have before placing orders. Keep packet details for later reference.

Seeds on hand

Crop / variety	Seed source	Year / lot	Quantity on hand	Notes

Plants to purchase or start

Crop / variety	Buy or start	Qty.	Source / planned timing	Notes

Priority purchases or inventory follow-up

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04 Planting & Transplanting Log

Record each sowing, planting, or transplanting event. Include units for quantities.

Planting timing varies by location, crop, variety, and weather. Check local Cooperative Extension or other authoritative growing guidance and seed-packet information before choosing dates.

Crop / variety	Date / event[1]	Location	Quantity	Germination / starting notes

[1] Mark the event: indoor sowing, direct sowing, transplanting, or purchased plant. In notes, record emergence date, growing conditions, or transplant response.

Seasonal timing notes — local guidance, weather delays, and succession plans

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05 Garden Care & Maintenance Log

Use one row per visit or task. Record what you observed before noting your response.

Garden / area _____ Date range _____

Date	Area / crop	Task / observation	Action taken	Follow-up / due

Weather — rain, heat, cold, wind, and watering observations

Pests and plant growth — symptoms, changes, and results of actions

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06 Harvest Record

Use consistent units so that amounts can be compared later, such as pounds, cups, or bunches.

Garden / area _____ Date range _____

Date	Crop / variety	Amount + unit	Condition / quality	Destination

Destination examples: fresh meal, storage, preservation, gift, or compost.

Harvest highlights and lessons learned

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07 From Garden to Kitchen

Connect what you grow with what you cook. Note dishes, recipes, and uses worth repeating.

Harvested ingredient	Meal, recipe, or use	Amount used	Date and notes

Favorite combinations or recipes to repeat

What to plant more or less of based on kitchen use

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07 Preservation & Storage Record

From Garden to Kitchen • continued

This is a recordkeeping page, not a food-preservation procedure. Use tested, authoritative food-preservation and food-safety guidance, such as guidance from Cooperative Extension, USDA, or the National Center for Home Food Preservation. Follow the complete procedure for the food and method; do not use this log to determine processing steps or times.

Food / variety	Method	Date	Quantity + unit	Reference[1]

[1] Record the exact source, recipe / procedure title, version or date, and page or URL so you can find the full guidance again.

Storage location, batch labels, and follow-up notes

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08 End-of-Season Review

Use your notes and kitchen records to choose practical changes for the next season.

What grew well — crops, varieties, locations, and care that helped

What struggled and possible causes — note observations and uncertainties

What was most useful in the kitchen

Grow again	Grow less	Try next year

Seeds to save or reorder — variety, source, and quantity

Improvements for next season — priorities and first steps

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09 Seasonal Garden Checklist

Use these prompts when they fit your location and growing method. Add your own tasks and dates.

Year / season _____ Garden _____

Planning

☐ Review last season and set kitchen-focused goals. Date: _____

☐ Observe sun, water access, drainage, and available space. Date: _____

☐ Check seed inventory and choose crops and varieties. Date: _____

☐ Consult local timing guidance; plan sowing, transplanting, and layout. Date: _____

During the growing season

☐ Record sowing, planting, emergence, and transplant response. Date: _____

☐ Observe soil moisture and weather; record care and follow-up. Date: _____

☐ Check for pests and growth changes; use authoritative guidance as needed. Date: _____

☐ Record harvest amounts and kitchen uses; plan storage with tested guidance. Date: _____

End-of-season review

☐ Review yields, kitchen usefulness, and unfinished follow-up. Date: _____

☐ Record what to repeat, reduce, or try next year. Date: _____

☐ Note seeds to save or reorder and check variety-specific seed-saving guidance. Date: _____

☐ Plan site, soil, equipment, and storage improvements for next season. Date: _____

Additional tasks / reminders

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