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This educational and enjoyable book helps children understand how to plant bulbs, seeds, and seedlings, and nurture their growth. Lois Ehlert's bold collage illustrations include six pages of staggered width, presenting all the flowers of each color of the rainbow.

## Planting a Rainbow Details

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## From Reader Review Planting a Rainbow for online ebook

### Stephanie says

Text-Teaching-Connection:

"Planting a Rainbow" is a great kindergarten book to help reinforce colors!!!! The imagery in the picture book is awesome and engaging. Vibrant colors are definitely a good tool in this book, all of the flowers share colors and some are just single colors, as showcased by the child explaining how he creates a garden every year. While reading the book, have the students decipher and talk about the colors they see. Students need to make connections and this is a good way to keep students engaged. Students can also take the connection outside of the classroom. Ask the students to create a list of the flowers and their colors over the weekend. It is a great home exercise and a good way to help get parents involved with your class.

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### Nicole Gray says

Lois Ehlert uses all the colors of the rainbow to teach children about how to plant a garden. The book starts with planting seeds then adding plants to their garden. Through the book you watch the garden grow as it gets warmer. She goes through all the colors of the rainbow and the different flowers that were grown. Lots of bright colors used and great illustrations!

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### Carmen says

*Every year Mom and I plant a rainbow.*

Each letter in the word 'rainbow' is a different color.

*In the fall we buy some bulbs and plant them in the ground.*

This book is a good book if you want to teach a child about plant names. Although the text is extremely simple, *We have some red flowers, and orange flowers*, the names of all the flowers are listed (on the flower, or on the Popsicle stick that marks each plot) in every single picture. So you have terms like zinnia, tiger lily, and delphinium littering the pages. If you want your child to go around being able to identify flowers like phlox and bearded iris, this is a good start.

The next step, and really the most important step, is to walk with your child around the neighborhood and point out and identify the flowers and plants and trees yourself. LOL So this requires a little studying and knowledge on your part.

My grandfather and grandmother were nature experts, and I cherished walks with them on which they could magically (it seemed to me) identify every single flower and tree and bush we came across. My grandmother could also identify any bird song or bird call. She was an amazing woman. They taught me a lot. If you want your child to have this kind of childhood, you yourself have to know nature - or have parents or in-laws who know nature.

It's definitely fun and beneficial for kids. Kids love nature.

Which doesn't necessarily mean kids love gardening. After all, that's more 'work.' Simply going on a walk and practicing identifying plants is more 'fun.' And kids love being experts on stuff. :) I'm warning you right now that forcing your children to garden will ensure they have no interest in it. I recommend only doing what they are interested in as far as gardening goes, and if they lose interest, let it go instead of pushing it.

Children also might have an interest in cooking/eating what is grown in a vegetable garden. See *Growing Vegetable Soup* by the same author.

In this book, the genderless child (never pictured) and mother (never pictured) love gardening together and plant a variety of colorful plants every year together.

If you are familiar with Ehlert, you'll know that her pictures are fun and colorful.

Another fun inclusion in this book is her color section. She styles this after *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, the pages are cut - first very short, and then longer and longer - and form a rainbow when shut. As you unfold each page, there gets to be more and more surface area with each color. So the red pages are the shortest, and the purple pages are longest. Children find this fun and inventive. I like it, as well. Children's authors should feel free to be fun and creative.

Tl;dr - A fun, colorful, bright book about flower identification. A welcome addition to any library.

Ages 2-6.

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### **Gulzar Malji says**

This is a story about a little girl and her mother who plant seeds in their garden. The girl sees these different coloured flowers come out but thinks they are rainbows.

This is a great book for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Nursery can use this to be introduced to colours. Reception children will develop their KUW of how plants grow. We could bring in some real plants and flowers for the children. KS1 / 2 will be able to use this to learn about the life cycle as part of science and perhaps base a lesson around growing their own seeds and watching them grow. This should also help children care for the environment and respect all living things.

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### **Sylvia says**

Perfect book to teach about colors, flowers and gardening to a pre-schooler.

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## **Tanya Bornstein says**

This book is so much fun! I love how they used the colors of the rainbow to help children understand how to plant seeds and tend to them. This book is quiet colorful and easy to read. Children will love it!

L.E: After reading this book allowed the children can plant their own seed in the classroom have each plant up by the window and the children can check its progress everyday and water it when they think it is needed.

Content:

1. Plants grow in the spring time.
2. Seeds need to be in warm soil to grow.
3. Vocabulary: Bulbs, Sprout, Seeds, Sprout, Sow, Blooms,

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## **Cai says**

Planting a garden full of different colours.

Great for learning colours and seasons but I don't know about the whole complex flower names in a board book.

V @ 7 months old.

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## **Donna says**

Colorful, sweet and simple story about a flower garden.

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## **Traci says**

The most beautiful colors in the world come from nature.

Author/illustrator, Lois Ehlert captures the beauty of color in this concept book of colors using the most vibrant colors possible. Alluring and happy describe this picture book.

Published by Harcourt Inc.

#PB #colors #concept

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## **Amanda S. says**

I loved the intentionality in this book...use of words that would stretch a child's vocabulary and plants that are labeled with the colors that the plant will grow to become.

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### **Jessica says**

My daughter LOVES this book. As a nature-lover, I am happy to find child-friendly books that encourage planting flowers.

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### **June says**

I use this every year for spring-flower-gardening story time. It is always a big hit with preschool. We end by making a flower picture on a flannel board. 1992

A girl picked this (I had her select, so she would listen to a story instead of going to the Early Learning computer.) tonight and had Ms. Piggy (her stuffed animal?) name all the colors (a boy and his dragon got in on the act too). 5/22/12

Used this for a preschool garden program, since we had it in a big book format and I had 2 day cares show for the program. Didn't have enough flannel pieces to do the flower picture. 5/13/14

Used this for both Lap Time (we haven't gotten inter-branch mail for 5 days so didn't have my regular book) and Story Time (where I let the 2's make my a flannel flower picture). 5/12/15

Used as the 4th book since I had a class come at the end and I hadn't used it. We then made a flower picture on the flannel board.

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### **Kelli Bratten says**

Louis Ehlert books are wonderful for the colorful illustrations and introduction of new words. Many of the plants will be new to the kids and will present new vocabulary. I would use this book for a kindergarten or first grade, possibly second grade classroom, since there are less words throughout the book. This book could be used on a unit in teaching living v. nonliving. As a class we would plant our own plants to ingrain the steps in the book and other books we would have read. Since many of the pages focus on plants with particular colors I would have an art project where they would choose a color and paint/draw etc. their own plant.

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### **midnightfaerie says**

We really enjoyed this book, the whole family. Bright colorful pictures, all about planting colorful flowers so you have a rainbow garden, this book is a solid level 1 reading book, as long as you don't count the names of the flowers. A great book to expand your vocabulary for flowers, although, even I had a difficult time remembering how to pronounce some of the names of the flowers.

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**Elizabeth Moreau Nicolai says**

Bright clear illustrations on a white background make this a good one for a very littles one storytime. Simple text. I don't read all the labels of all the plants, just one or two a page.

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