Preparing your seedbed

If you prepare your garden correctly the first time you will need to put less work in later.

Work through the following steps, put a 🗸 in the □ when you think you have completed that step. Your teacher will put a 🗸 in the 2nd □ if she agrees.

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| **Step** | **What you need to do** | **Complete**  **Me** | **Complete**  **GA** |
| 1. | Use a *rake* to remove all the dead weeds from garden | □ | □ |
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| 2. | Put the removed *weeds* into compost bin | □ | □ |
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| 3. | Any non *compost* rubbish goes in the rubbish bin, plant labels can be reused put them in the container in the shed. | □ | □ |
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| 4. | Use a *spade* to uncover the concrete edge of your garden. Any soil needs to go on the garden & weeds into compost. | □ | □ |
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| 5. | Use a *fork* large or small depending on weed size to remove any living or dead weeds still remaining in your garden. | □ | □ |
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| 6. | Use a large fork to dig over the soil in the garden to the depth of the fork *tines* consistently across the garden. | □ | □ |
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| 7. | Break up the large clods of soil with the fork so that the soil is a fine *tilth.* | □ | □ |
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| 8. | Spread *compost* from the compost bin evenly over the garden then dig it into the garden with a fork. | □ | □ |
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| 9. | *Fertiliser* is measured accurately and spread evenly on the garden . | □ | □ |
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| 10. | Rake the surface of the *seedbed* so the surface is flat and smooth and the edge rolls down to the concrete edge. | □ | □ |
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| 11. | Make a *drill line* (with the edge of a torpedo hoe on an angle) in the soil about 2 cm deep from one side of garden to the other. | □ | □ |
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| 12a. | Small seeds - Evenly scatter seeds along the drill, cover with a thin layer of soil and *label* the end of the row with the plant name, and date. | □ | □ |
| Or |  |  |  |
| 12b. | Large seeds – Evenly place seeds individually along drill, cover with a thin layer of soil and label the end of the row with the plant name, and date. | □ | □ |
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| 13. | Use the *hose* and *spray nozzle* or *watering can* to give the seeds a good watering. | □ | □ |
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| 14. | Tools are *cleaned* and *stored* in the correct place | □ | □ |
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| 15. | Seedbed is watered and weeded regularly | □ | □ |
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| 16. | *Record* in your diary *everything you do in the garden;* preparing the garden, the date you sowed seeds, date the seed germinated, any pests or disease you discovered. Use pictures as well as words. | □ | □ |