

Design Your Dream Garden

Henri Rousseau (1844–1910) was a self-taught artist known for painting jungle scenes with exotic plants and animals. Without leaving his native France, he imagined what a tropical jungle would look like—and painted his vision. With inspiration from Rousseau, draw or use collage to create the garden of your dreams!

Materials:

Paper; pencil; colored pencils, crayons, or markers; magazines; scissors; glue stick

Instructions:

Step 1: Think about what will be in your garden. Plants? Flowers? Fruit trees? Animals?

Step 2: On paper, draw lightly in pencil to map out the objects in your garden

Step 3: Color in your drawing. You can also find images in magazines to cut and paste. You can even combine both techniques to create a mixed-media dream garden.



Henri Rousseau. *Woman Walking in an Exotic Forest*, 1905

