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# Planting A Rainbow: Lap-Sized Board Book

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert



## Synopsis

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.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Every fall "Mom and I plant a rainbow," by carefully placing bulbs in the gardenstiger lilies, yellow daffodils, blue hyacinth and purple iris, among others. And every winter they order seeds from catalogues for zinnias, daisies, marigolds and much more. The bulbs sprout in spring; seedlings are set out. Come summer, it's time to harvest the rainbow-colored crop. Despite a die-cut insert that relates the colors of the spectrum, this new title lacks the fresh approach to the natural cycle of planting, growth and reaping of Ehlert's Growing Vegetable Soup. While still welcome for its bursts of color and well-documented labeling of flowers, this book cannot add to the concept of gardening, precisely because its predecessor was so comprehensive. Ages 3-8. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

PreSchool-Grade 1 Planting a Rainbow , a companion to Ehlert's Growing Vegetable Soup (HBJ, 1987), is a dazzling celebration of the colorful variety in a flower garden and the cyclical excitement of gardening. A young child relates in ten simple sentences the yearly cycle and process of planning, planting, and picking flowers in a garden. Mother and child plant bulbs in fall, order seeds

from catalogs in winter, eagerly anticipate the first shoots of spring, select seedlings in summer, ``and watch the rainbow grow," reveling in the opulence of color. The power of this book lies in the glowing brilliance and bold abstraction of the double-page collages. Ehlert combines simple, stylized shapes of flat, high intensity color into abstract yet readily identifiable images of plants and flowers while clearly and colorfully labeling each plant on an adjacent garden marker. Children will especially delight in the six pages of varying width depicting all the flowers of each color of the rainbow. A celebration of the garden, the power of shape and color, and the harmony of text and image in a picture book. Pamela Miller Ness, The Fenn School, Concord, Mass. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

My granddaughter picked this book at the library and it quickly became a favorite. She was very unhappy when we had to take it back. So I ordered her a book to keep. She loves going through the pages and telling me the colors and the names of the flowers. The book is very sturdy and well made and will clearly stand up to multiple readings per day. One very happy little girl (and granny)!

Purchased this board book in "like new" condition. Some wear on the spine, but this is to be expected. The story is simple enough to get through, but the illustrations are what make this book. The colors are vibrant and eye catching, perfect for a young child. I enjoyed that the names of various plants and flowers were included. Not one of my favorite books, but my son enjoys reading it regularly.

This is my daughter's favorite book - she loves the colors, and the flowers - as well as the story. She was first introduced to it at her daycare - and dubbed it as "my book" - so we had to get one for her. She still enjoys it - even now, months after we purchased it.

My 1.5 year old daughter just loves this book. The colors are bright, the board book is a nice size and the pages are easy to turn. I think it will be even more relevant this summer because I plan to plant flowers with her.

This book is a favorite in our house. The colors are bright and vivid, my one year old loves turning through this one on her own. We will read this a lot over the winter to prepare for next years garden! While abstract, this book really fits in with our Montessori based home environment.

Seems cute, but baby not really enjoying the book. I will still give 5 stars because I don't think it is the books fault that the baby doesn't like it.

These books by Lois Ehlert have the most wonderful and colorful pictures. My daughter is obsessed with flowers and therefore this book is right up her alley.

Very cute book we got my daughter for her Easter basket this year! I love how they identify all of the different flowers and plants on each page.

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