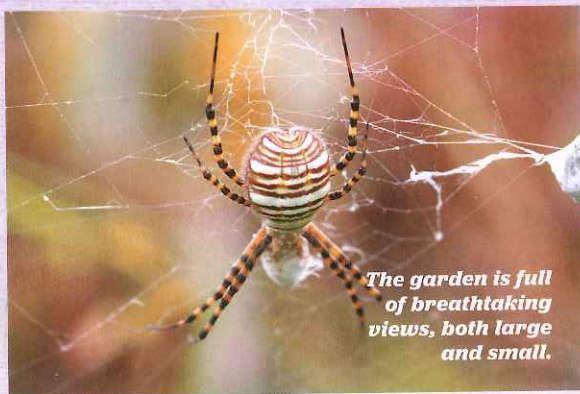


PROJECT

Becoming Human Cameras

(Adapted from Joseph Cornell's *Sharing Nature with Children II*)



The garden is full of breathtaking views, both large and small.

By pretending to be cameras and photographers, you and your kids will start to see the garden in a whole new light.

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- 1 Show your child how you will guide her safely, and then have her close her eyes. Tell her, "Now I'm the photographer, and you're the camera."
- 2 Walk slowly, holding her hand and elbow in your own hands, until you arrive at a nice viewing point. You might be looking at a big sweeping vista of the surrounding area, or you might bring her face right up close to a sunflower petal catching the sunlight.
- 3 Now tell your human camera to open her eyes when you tug gently on her earlobe.
- 4 Tug gently to have her take a picture and then close her eyes again.
- 5 Do this a few times, taking pictures of various garden delights. Then offer to trade positions and let your budding photographer guide you around the garden.

ALSO TRY THIS:

After being a human camera, your child may enjoy taking actual photos of the garden. Print up the nice shots for a garden gallery, a note card for a grandparent, or to use in a scavenger hunt, returning to try and find the exact spot in the garden.

