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## Maisy Grows a Garden – Lucy Cousins

**Publisher: Walker Books**

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Maisy the mouse with the friendly smile is a favourite with young children. She's a delightful character who charms readers with her happy outlook on life.

This time she's busy digging her vegetable garden in Spring. Panda prepares a flower pot for planting. Maisy's actions are brought to life with pull tabs that lift the dirt upwards from the end of her spade.

Following pages show Maisy and Panda sowing seeds, weeding and watering. The pop-ups with each activity are very effective. Informative sidebars add useful detail for discussion about digging, planting, growing and harvesting. Worms, insects, birds and bees also play their part in the natural cycle.

The final result is an abundant harvest of fresh vegetables and a beautiful flower garden. It's a satisfying result for all the hard work involved.

Enthusiastic youngsters will be encouraged to start their own gardens or pot plant endeavours. This hardback book with sturdy pages is designed to last the repeated pull-out, pop-up interactions of young readers.

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