

Magic Garden (UV tutus, scarves and bracelets)

Environment Tree branches around space adorned with fairy lights. At one end the garden is a soundspace, at the other a magical world of UV colours, linked by the 'Gardener' Puppet. Sounds - bowed metallophones, chime bars and bells. UV - raggy ribbons in trees and drawn out across space for dancing with, brightly coloured chiffon material, UV scarves and ribbon streamers. UV balls, tactile creatures, 'spiders' and face/body paints. Mobile mirrors. Bark treasure box full of sweets.



Magical Sounds Enter to eerie sounds of bowed metallophone, sit and listen and enjoy. Encourage participants to play, building sounds with chime bars and smaller metallophones. Change dynamic by introducing sleigh bells, which create light, dancey rhythms along with strings of bells hanging in trees.



Gardener Puppet appears and welcomes you to his beautiful garden. He greets participants individually, is playful and kind, interested in each person, making friends. He then leads them to the other end of the garden, drawing out beautiful ribbon strings that dance across the space.



UV The lights fade and dazzling colours appear. Use streamers, ribbons and scarves to encourage movement and dance, see the colours swirl and twirl around you, feel the textures, adorn yourselves. Settle on coloured cloths and explore the UV creatures, play with the balls, decorate the trees with wriggly 'spiders'. See how the face/body paint glows on your arms, legs, faces, draw patterns on mirrors if you prefer. The 'Gardener' reappears with a treasure box full of brightly coloured sweets to share. Chill then wave goodbye.



Observations Using tree branches and white fairy lights created a magical environment in which to play. Bowing the metallophone enhanced this atmosphere with eerie, ethereal sounds which mesmerised many participants, who sat listening quietly and calmly for a long time. Separating the chimes and bells allowed for a change in dynamic. The puppet was loved by all participants, even those who are sometimes nervous. Separating the UV 'activities' into sections, rather than using everything at once made for a more manageable experience

