



Gardening Tips: DIY Plant Markers

Looking for some inexpensive and creative ways to mark the plants in your garden? We've trolled the web to find simple and beautiful solutions. These ideas rose to the top:

- Paint crop names on [small, smooth stones](#) and spray with waterproof clear coat.



- Paint [chalkboard paint](#) on a [popsicle stick](#) or [tongue depressor](#)! Write with a china marker (which resists the elements outside), and remove the writing with baby oil for reuse.
- Paint old spoon handles a vibrant color, then write on them with a permanent marker. Or, use [alphabet metal stamps](#) to mark [flattened spoons](#). Thrift stores offer plenty of inexpensive silverware.



- [Clothespins](#)! Stick these on the edges of pots or on a skewer.
- [Twigs](#): use an old vegetable peeler (warning, it will get dull!) to create a smooth flat area to write plant names.

- Have an [old label-maker](#) around? Use it to add a retro splash of color to your garden beds or containers.



- Want to keep the seed packet handy throughout the season? Try [this method](#) of attaching it to a stake, then covering with a jar.
- [Repurpose wine corks](#) by sticking them on skewers and using them as plant labels.
- If you have time for something a little more elaborate, try creating some [sculptural plant markers](#) with shims lashed onto bamboo.
- Pick up some free paint stirrers from the hardware store and use some old paint and a paint pen to make these [cheery plant markers](#).



- If you're particularly crafty and have some time to spare, check out this fun idea for [painted and scratched plant markers](#). They look vintage from the get-go.

Have some other methods that work for you? We'd love to see photos or hear about them! Just email susanna@growpittsburgh.org.