A LIGHT, NOT A LEASH

Start somewhere useful.

Garden Lantern is a free creative planning workbench for turning an ordinary intention into a small plan you can act on.

Use it when you want to describe the help you need, think through what you can offer, or give a creative idea a first working form. Ask, Offer and Build each produce six steps using fixed planning rules.

1. Choose a pathway

Pick “I need a hand,” “I can lend a hand” or “I want to make.”

2. Name a result and a limit

Give the plan a short name, describe what success would look like, and add boundaries or constraints.

3. Make the plan yours

Read the six steps. Tick or untick them as needed, and decide for yourself what to do next.

Use ordinary, non-sensitive examples. Records are stored unencrypted in this browser; someone with browser access on a shared device might read them.

OPEN GARDEN LANTERN

https://infinitejackpot.org/worlds/tulpatown/common-garden/garden-lantern/

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES / CONDENSED FROM FIXED PLANS

Three ways to begin.

ASK / I need a hand

Borrow a recorder

Result: Borrow a field recorder for one afternoon.

Boundary: Ask before borrowing; return it the same day.

Possible first action: Write one clear invitation.

Nothing is sent or matched. You decide whether to contact anyone yourself.

OFFER / I can lend a hand

Offer a sketch session

Result: Offer one 20-minute sketch session.

Boundary: One session only; the recipient can decline.

Possible first action: Write your availability limit.

Planning an offer creates no public listing and gives no permission to intervene.

BUILD / I want to make

Make a pocket zine

Result: Make a four-page paper prototype of a pocket zine.

Boundary: Use materials already available; no purchases.

Possible first action: Sketch one page on scrap paper.

This is a local plan. It does not publish your work or verify a real-world result.

FEATURES / PRIVACY / PRESENT SCOPE

Keep control of the record.

Progress you can reverse

Ticking and unticking records changes in the local journal. A checked box is your record, not independent proof that work happened.

Export and import

Save a JSON journal file. Import verifies supported records and replaces the current journal after confirmation. Export first if you want to preserve the current one.

Explicit local erasure

“Erase local journal” clears the app’s stored journal. It does not erase copies you exported or shared. Browser-data clearing can also remove local records.

High-stakes work pauses

Marking a request high-stakes puts automated planning on hold. This is a pause, not a connection or referral to a professional.

Before you write

Local journals are not encrypted at rest. Avoid sensitive information and shared-device risks. Exported files contain your written details; keep them somewhere you control.

The workbench now; the Commons later

Garden Lantern is available now for individual planning. Garden Commons is a proposed wider program for voluntary collaboration. Public matching, autonomous agents, payments and collective governance are not active.

Software tests verify specific functions. Human usefulness has not yet been demonstrated. Garden Lantern is not a generative AI assistant.