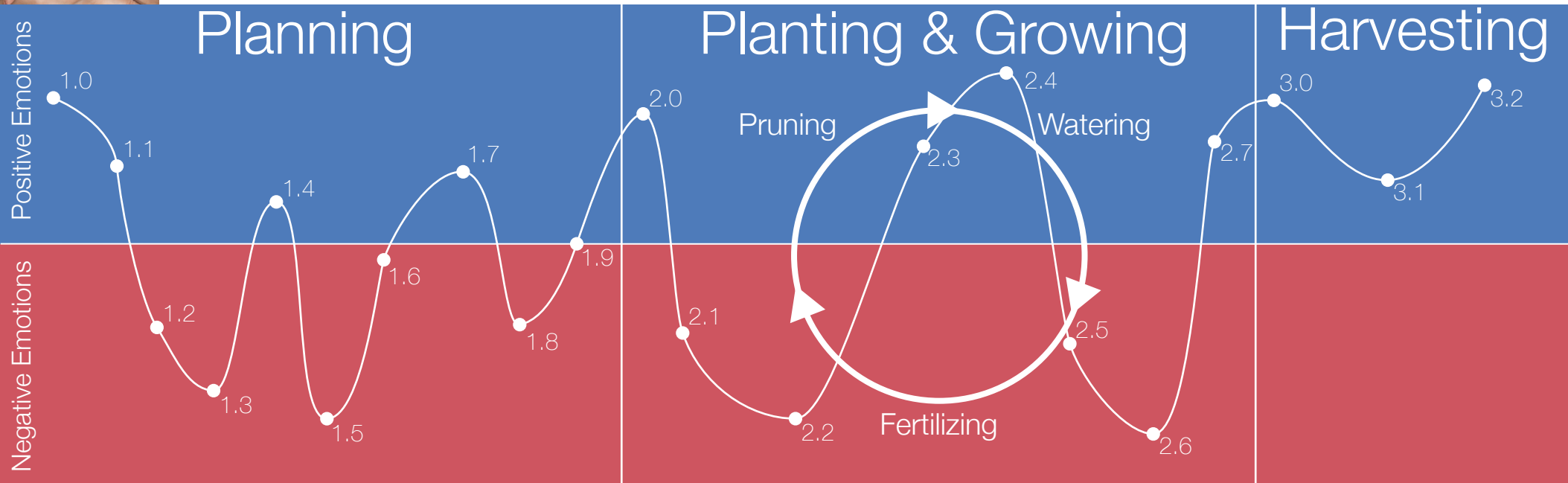




Lydia Smith

Lydia is a homeowner and is trying to create a home she's happy to live in through creating a beautiful yard. She is familiar with the gardening process, but is new to Seattle so she hopes to learn more about what kinds of plants will grow well in Seattle's climate. She knows starting and maintaining a garden can be expensive, but she is motivated because gardening is a form of therapy for her. Lydia struggles with wildlife chewing up leaves and her dog occasionally trampling plants, but is satisfied in the end when she can share the flowers she grew with her neighbors and she can look at the progress the garden has made. Below is a map of her experiences with the gardening process from planning through gardening.



- 1.0 Inspired by friend's garden to create a garden of her own
- 1.1 Good resources; gets help from friends, Pinterest, etc.
- 1.2 Home Depot gardening center is far away
- 1.3 Home Depot employees are not helpful/knowledgeable
- 1.4 Finds an interesting plant she might want to grow
- 1.5 Can't grow the interesting plant in their climate
- 1.6 Plants and tools are expensive
- 1.7 Is able to purchase a wide variety of plants
- 1.8 Hauling supplies from nursery to house is difficult
- 1.9 Difficult to find out what plants grow well together

- 2.0 Finds enjoyment in planting
- 2.1 Tools from Home Depot are weak and break easily
- 2.2 Dog tramples flower bed
- 2.3 Finds that gardening is a therapeutic experience
- 2.4 Sees progress in plant growth
- 2.5 Squirrels and aphids have munched on some leaves
- 2.6 Weed growth begins to pick up
- 2.7 Neighbors comment on garden's progress

- 3.0 Creates beautiful bouquets
- 3.1 Shares work with neighbors
- 3.2 Commended on garden