

THE LADYBUG

MANIFESTO

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*A creed for classy survivors and sanctified sass*

We know the world is buggy.

Beautiful sometimes, yes — but also loud, distracted, cynical, performative, exhausting, and very good at trying to convince us to shrink ourselves into something easier to digest.

We refuse.

We were made to bloom anyway.

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*To stay soft without becoming foolish.*

*Wise without becoming cold.*

*Visible without becoming vain.*

*Tender without surrendering truth.*

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We hold faith and beauty together.

Humor and holiness together.

Strength and gentleness together.

We can survive difficult things without losing our tenderness.

Our dignity is not weakness.

Our discernment is not bitterness.

And our sparkle is not frivolous when it comes from joy instead of performance.

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Some of us are irises in one season and lotuses in another.

None of us blooms exactly the same way.

*Some of us bloom loudly.*

*Some quietly.*

*Some late.*

*Some after terrible weather.*

*But blooming is blooming.*

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We will not become hard in order to become strong.

And there is something deeply holy in how we keep building beautiful things in a  
buggy world.

*So welcome to the garden.*

Not because the world outside stopped being difficult.

But because we still need places where wisdom, beauty, truth, laughter, softness,  
courage, and faith are allowed to grow together.

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*Now go sparkle.*

F L O W E R M E A N I N G S  
& V E R S E S

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*Thirteen blooms. Thirteen verses. One garden.*

# THE IRIS

*Trust*

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## TRUST LIKE A LADY

*“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.”*

Proverbs 31:25 · ESV

The Iris reminds us that trust is not passive. It is brave. It is stepping forward even when the bridge still sways beneath your feet. Some women learn trust slowly, one trembling step at a time.

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# THE MARIGOLD

*Thoughts*

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## THINK LIKE A LADY

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”*

Romans 12:2 · ESV

The Marigold is for women learning to guard their minds carefully. Thoughts become pathways. Repeated thoughts become homes. A wise woman learns which voices deserve a seat at her table.

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# THE SUNFLOWER

*Integrity*

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## ACT LIKE A LADY

*“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”*

Proverbs 31:26 · ESV

The Sunflower turns toward the light on purpose. Integrity is often quiet work — the daily choice to remain kind, wise, honest, and grounded even when no one is applauding.

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# THE ROSE

*Beauty*

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## DRESS LIKE A LADY

*“Let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.”*

1 Peter 3:3-4 · ESV

The Rose reminds us that true beauty begins beneath the surface. A woman may decorate herself beautifully, but the loveliest thing she carries is still her spirit.

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# THE WILDFLOWER

*Words*

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## SPEAK LIKE A LADY

*“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”*

Ephesians 4:29 · ESV

Wildflowers grow freely and generously. So do words. A wise woman learns that language can either wound or water what is growing around her.

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# THE LILY

*Patience*

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## WAIT LIKE A LADY

*“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”*

Lamentations 3:25-26 · ESV

The Lily blooms without rushing itself. Waiting is not weakness. Some seasons require roots before petals.

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# THE DAISY

*Humility*

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WALK LIKE A LADY

*"To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."*

Micah 6:8 · ESV

The Daisy reminds us that humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is walking steadily without needing to perform for the crowd.

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# THE LOTUS

*Healing*

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HEAL LIKE A LADY

*"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."*

Psalms 147:3 · ESV

Lotuses bloom directly out of muddy water. Healing is not pretending you were never hurt. It is learning to bloom anyway.

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# THE FORGET-ME-NOT

*Hope*

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HOPE LIKE A LADY

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

Romans 15:13 · ESV

The Forget-Me-Not is for women who keep planting hope even after difficult seasons. Hope is not denial. It is holy defiance.

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# THE VIOLET

*Work*

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## WORK LIKE A LADY

*“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.”*

Colossians 3:23-24 · ESV

The Violet grows quietly and faithfully. Much of women’s work is unseen, but unseen does not mean unimportant. Ladybugs sometimes fold towels in the midst of spiritual warfare.

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# THE MORNING GLORY

*Light*

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## SHINE LIKE A LADY

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”*

Matthew 5:14-16 · ESV

Morning glories bloom boldly toward the sun. A wise woman does not shrink herself simply because the world is uncomfortable with her light.

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# THE POPPY

*Building*

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## BUILD LIKE A LADY

*“The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down.”*

Proverbs 14:1 · ESV

The Poppy reminds us that beautiful things are often built slowly. Wise women build carefully, prayerfully, stubbornly, and with both hands.

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# THE THIRTEENTH FLOWER

*You*

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SPARKLE LIKE A LADY

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

1 Peter 2:9 · ESV

The final flower was never missing. It was waiting for you. No woman blooms exactly the same way. Some seasons you are an Iris. Some seasons you are six flowers in a trench coat holding coffee. But the garden is more beautiful because you are in it.

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*Now go sparkle.*

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*Keeping It Classy in a Buggy World*



# HOW TO USE YOUR GARDEN KIT

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*A thirteen-chapter journey, one bloom at a time.*

1. Print this kit on cardstock if you have it. Copy paper works just fine.
  2. Cut out the pot and the twelve flowers.
  3. As you finish each chapter, add that flower to your pot. Tuck it behind, tape it down, or glue it — however you like to build.
  4. The thirteenth flower is YOU. Draw it, paint it, press a real one, or sketch a silhouette of yourself standing in the garden.
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*Take a photo when the garden is complete.*

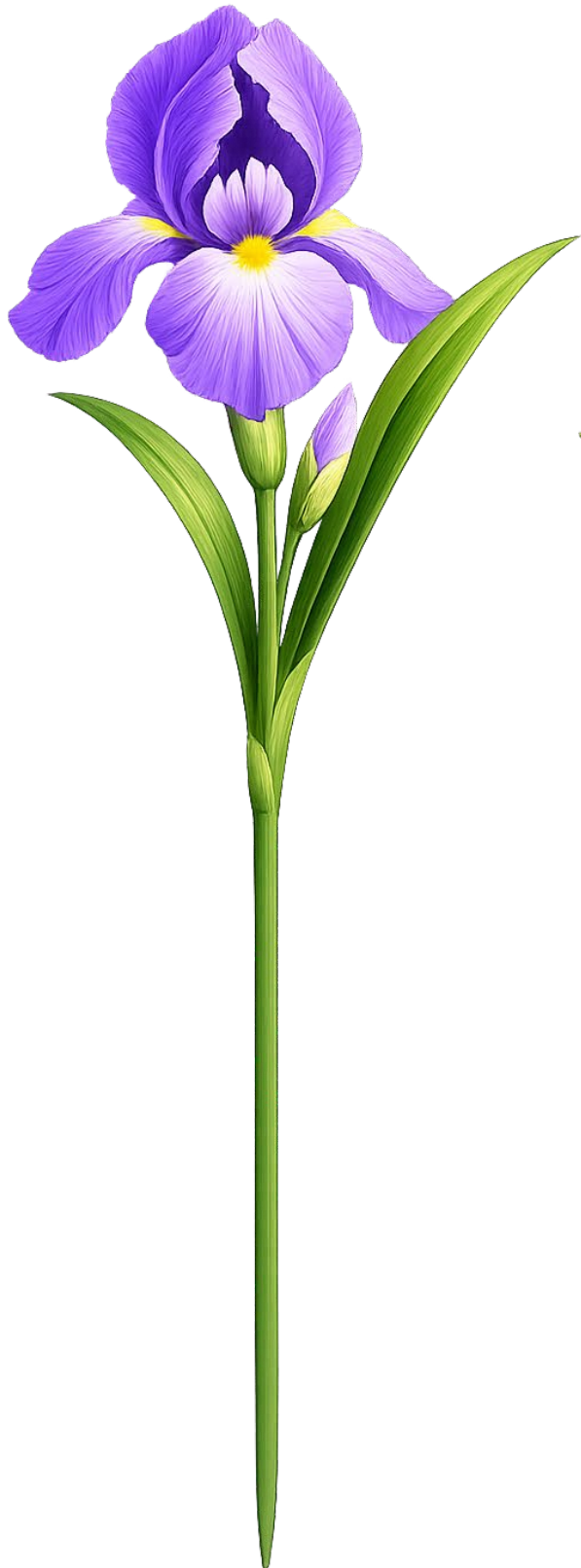
*We'd love to see what you grew.*

*Now go sparkle.*

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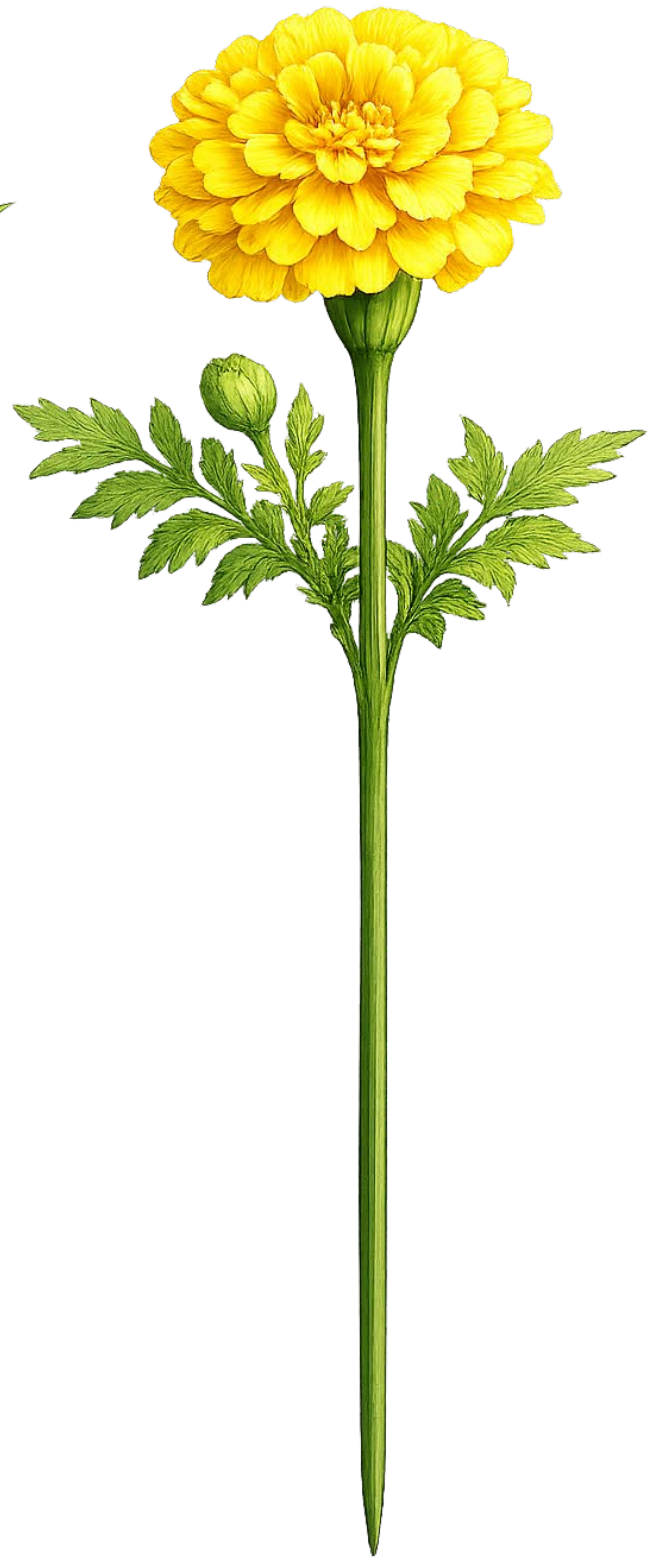
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CHAPTER 1

*Trust*



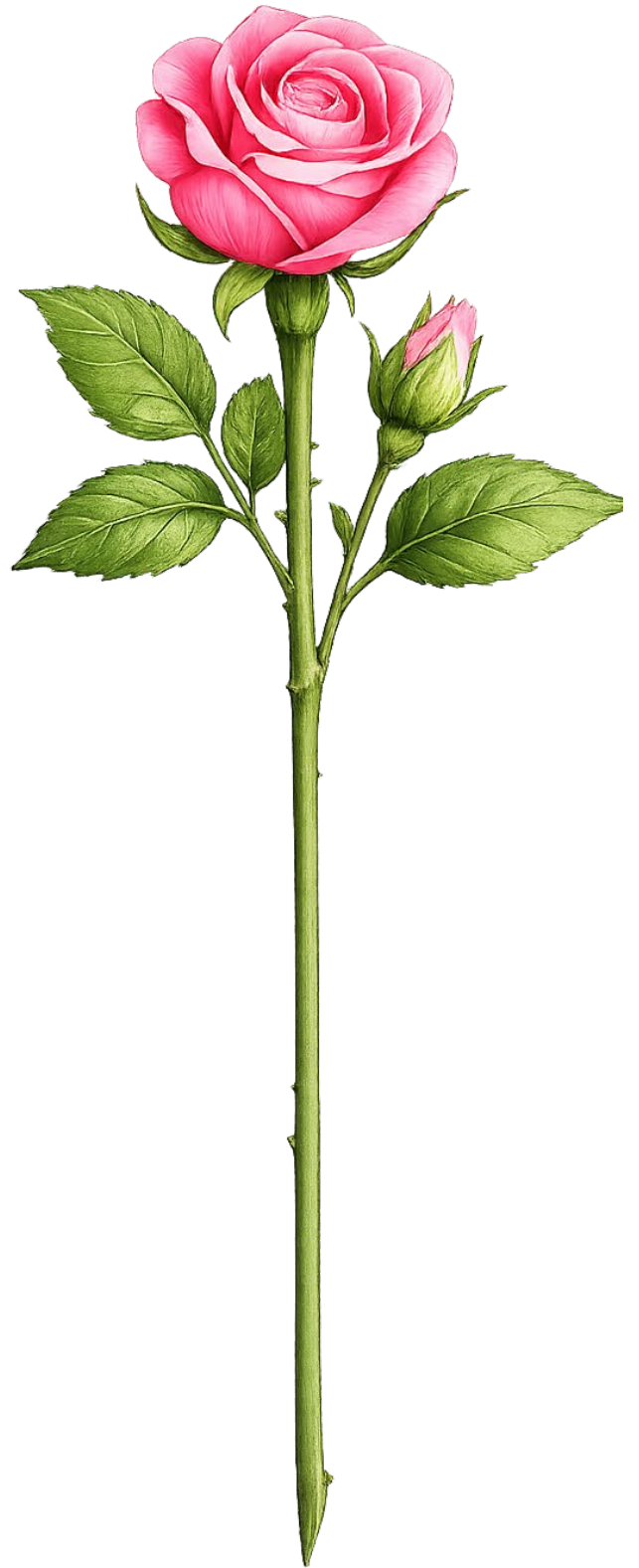
CHAPTER 2

*Think*



CHAPTER 3

*Act*



CHAPTER 4

*Dress*



CHAPTER 5

*Speak*



CHAPTER 6

*Wait*



CHAPTER 7

*Walk*



CHAPTER 8

*Heal*



CHAPTER 9

*Hope*



CHAPTER 10

*Work*



CHAPTER 11

*Shine*



CHAPTER 12

*Build*

FOR THOSE WHO COLOR

