The Garden of Pleasant Moments - Review journal

Review an attempt at the garden of pleasant moments and choose what to keep, change, or leave aside.

Adults; supported use as appropriate | 10 minutes

Fictional example: Riley considers a favorite song, a drawing, or a brief conversation.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. A garden can represent chosen experiences that may add meaning or pleasure.

Practice task

Plant several small, accessible activity ideas and choose one to try without promising enjoyment.

1. What I tried, or what happened in the fictional example:

2. What I noticed before, during, and after; what remains uncertain:

3. What helped, did not help, or was outside my control:

4. What would make this experiment gentle enough to try? My optional adjustment or support request:

Scope and adaptation

An original DBT-informed house metaphor for educational reflection, not an official standardized DBT assessment, diagnostic drawing test, or comprehensive DBT. The maker defines meanings. Offer another metaphor if housing is sensitive, and allow omissions or fiction. Do not interpret rooms, colors, or omissions as evidence of pathology or safety.

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