

Stardew Valley

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Stardew Valley: General, Basic Goals

Stardew Valley is an open-ended virtual farming game in which you inherit a farm from your grandfather. Within this world, you can expand your farm, get to know the locals, and help improve the community, which sometimes require you to also make money.

Stardew Valley is an amazing game that is large and nuanced and allows for a great deal of personalization, despite being created entirely by just one person, Eric Barone (also known as ConcernedApe). There are many goals and sub-goals you will have throughout the game, but here are some basic ones to get you started.

Three important goals to keep in mind while playing Stardew Valley are: Make Money, Make Friends, and Personalize Your Farm. As with real life, many aspects of Stardew Valley require money. Personalizing your farm allows you to both upgrade the existing farm and add new buildings and equipment. These personalizations allow you to make more money and do more with your farm. Similarly, these personalizations may also help create better gifts and so helping you make friends. Making friends with the townspeople is an important part of Stardew Valley, allowing you to further explore the world, unlock achievements and special cut scenes, and even date and marry.

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2. Process these materials further to increase their value.
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There are 7 basic categories of items you can collect and sell to make money. The amount of gold you receive from selling an item is often correlated to the quality of the item and how hard it was to obtain the item. You can further process some items to increase their value, but you may also sell them as they are. Listed below are the possible categories, roughly in order of easiest to hardest.

- Gather in-season plants (wild resources) around town.
- Clear and collect fiber.
- Cut down trees for wood and seeds.
- Fish in the rivers, lakes, and ocean.
- Grow plants on your farm.
- Mine metals and gemstones and break rocks in the mines and around your farm.
- Tend to animals on your farm and harvest the animal products.

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Along with foraging wild resources, collecting fiber and cutting down trees also fall under the "Foraging" skill category in Stardew Valley.

1. Search for land resources in the woods south of your farm, around the bus stop, on the path to Robin's north of your farm, or around Robin's and the mountain lake. Search for beach resources at the beach.
Most wild resources will be on the ground, but some berries will appear in bushes. You must press on left click the bushes to shake the berries off.

2.

Get close enough to the resource that you can see the plus symbol. 

3. Press on Right click the resource to pick it up and add it to your inventory.

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1.



Select the scythe  in your inventory.

2.



Navigate until you're one or two squares away from a fiber.

3. Press onLeft click on the fiber to cut it.

4. If there are any cut fibers that did not get automatically collected into your inventory, walk over to the fibers and they should get collected when you get close enough.

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1.



Select your axe in your inventory.

2. Navigate until you're a square away from a tree or a tree branch on the ground.
3. Press onLeft click the tree or tree branch. For a tree, you will have to hold or press click multiple times, but for a tree branch, you will only need to once.
4. If there are any loose tree branches, sap, or seeds that did not get automatically collected into your inventory, walk over to the items and they should get collected when you get close enough.

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Make sure you have a fishing rod in your inventory and any bait if you'd like it. You get the fishing rod from Willy on the second day when he invites you down to the beach and you can purchase bait at his shop.

1. Navigate so that you are standing at and facing a body of water.

Different bodies of water have different kinds of fish. Fish also appear at different times of the day and year.

2. If you have bait, add it to your fishing rod.

3. Select your fishing rod in your inventory.

4. Press onLeft click the body of water and hold until it is as extended as you'd like.

Once you release, the fishing line and bobber should drop into the water.

5. Wait until you hear two beep sounds and an exclamation mark appears above your head.

6. Press onLeft click right away. If you caught trash, you do not have to fight for it. If you snagged a fish, you must now fight for it.

7. PressLeft click such to move the bar to keep the fish inside the bar at all times until the progress bar has filled up



completely.

8. Review and close the popup box with the information on your catch and keep fishing!

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Make sure you have seeds, a hoe, and a watering can in your inventory. Additionally, be aware that both hoeing and watering will cost you a fair amount of energy, so make sure you have enough energy left over to water the plants.

1. On your farm, clear rocks, trees, grass, weeds, and anything else from a patch of dirt that is a size you would like to plant.
2.  Select your hoe from your inventory.
3. Press onLeft click each square in the patch of dirt.
4. Select the seeds in your inventory.
5. While one square away from the tilled soil, press onleft click the square.
A seed should appear, planted in the soil square. You will also hear a "shk" noise if it was planted correctly.
6. Select the watering can in your inventory.
7. While one square away from the planted seeds, press onleft click the planted seeds to water them.
8. If you do not have one already, craft a scarecrow to keep crows away from the plants.
9. Water the plants every day until they are ready to harvest.

10.

Harvest the plants when you can see a plus  beside them. You will need to be standing next to them to see if they are ready.

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You can only mine gems and metals in the [the mine in the mountains](#), which opens on the fifth day. However before this, you can mine rocks around town and on your farm. When you break rocks, you will sometimes get coal as well.

1. Navigate to the mines for all items or to your farm or the forest south of your farm for rocks.
 - a) If you are going to the mines, make sure to bring a weapon and snacks if possible.
2. Position yourself one square away from a rock.

You can get metal ore and gems by breaking nodes, items that look similar to rocks but have other distinctive



elements such as colorful spikes or bumps.

3.



Select your pickaxe  in your inventory.

4. Press onLeft click on the rock or node until it breaks.

You'll hear a "clink" sound and will be able to pick up the items.

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Farm Animals and Their Products

To purchase and own animals, you must first have Robin build a coop (for chickens, rabbits, and other smaller animals) or a barn (for cows, sheep, and other larger animals). Similarly, you'll want to have Robin build a silo which will hold hay for your animals to eat during the winter season or on rainy days. Other times, your animals will be able to just feed on nearby grass outside. Once you have the necessary buildings and structures, you can purchase animals from Marnie.

The happier your animals are, the higher quality products they'll give you. Keep your animals happy by keeping them fed and warm in winter, and by petting them once a day. When you pet them, you'll also increase your friendship level with the animal and will be able to check if they're feeling happy or sad. If they're feeling happy, a heart bubble will



appear and if they're feeling sad, a cloudy bubble will appear. If a cloudy bubble does appear, it is likely that either they did not have access to food the day before or that they are too cold in the winter. Make sure you keep your silo stocked and the hay bales full. Also make sure you have bought a [heater](#) from Marnie and put it in the barn and coop during the winter season.



As long as they're happy, once your animals mature they will provide you with a variety of products. For example, chickens will give you eggs, you can get milk from cows and milk and wool from sheep. While you can just pick up eggs as you would a wild resource, you will need to purchase special tools from Marnie to harvest some animal



products: a milk pail and shears for any wool.

Additionally, you can process each animal product to increase both the value and quality of these products.

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Pet Farm Animals

When you pet farm animals, your friendship level with them will increase by 12 points with a maximum friendship level of 1000 friendship points. While you also must make sure they are fed, if you have a good relationship with your animals, they will give you higher quality products.

To own farm animals, you must have a coop for smaller animals or a barn for larger animals. Robin can build you these for a price. You can then purchase animals from Marnie.

1. Navigate near your coop or barn.
2. Approach an animal and stand a square away from it.
3. Press onRight click on the animal.

You should see a bubble pop up above their head, either a heart or a cloudy bubble.

4. To check the animal's mood further, press onright clickthe animal a second time.

A pop up box will tell you basic information about the animal such as their age and then also will describe the animal's current mood.

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Some processing, such as cooking meals, you should be able to do without any special equipment. Other processing requires special equipment, which you can craft or buy, including a cheese press, a furnace, a mayonnaise machine, and a loom.

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Cook meals.	A kitchen.	Upgrade your house at Robin's.
Cook metal ore into bars.	A furnace and a piece of coal.	Craft a furnace using 25 stone and 25 copper ore. Run it with a piece of coal. Clint gives you this recipe after you collect a copper ore.
Make cheese.	A cheese press.	Craft a cheese press with 45 wood, 45 stone, 10 hardwood, and 1 copper bar. You automatically learn this recipe when you reach level 6 in farming.
Make mayonnaise from eggs.	A mayonnaise machine.	Craft a mayonnaise machine out of 15 wood, 15 stone, 1 earth crystal, and 1 copper bar. You automatically learn the recipe when you reach level 2 in farming.

What you can do.	What you need to do it.	How to get the necessary equipment.
Make cloth from wool.	A loom.	Craft a loom with 60 wood, 30 fiber, and 1 pine tar. You automatically learn this recipe when you reach level 7 in farming.
Make oil from corn or sunflower products and truffle oil from truffles.	An oil maker.	Craft an oil maker with 50 slime, 20 hardwood, and 1 gold bar. You automatically learn this recipe when you reach level 8 in farming.
Make jams and pickles.	A preserves jar.	Craft a preserves jar with 50 wood, 40 stone, and 8 coal. You automatically learn this recipe when you reach level 4 in farming.
Make wine out of fruits, beer out of wheat, juice out of any vegetable, coffee out of coffee beans and a few other drinks.	A keg.	Craft a keg with 30 wood, 1 copper bar, 1 iron bar, and 1 oak resin. You automatically learn this recipe when you reach level 8 in farming.
Break open geodes to get their contents, which may be ore, gemstones, clay, or stones.	25 dollars or a geode crusher.	None, just pay Clint 25 dollars to break it open. Craft a geode crusher using 2 gold bar, 50 stone, and 1 diamond. Run it with a piece of coal. Clint gives you this recipe after you complete a special quest for him.

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1. Place the items you want to sell in your inventory.
2. Depending on what kind of items you want to sell, walk to Pierre's General Store, Willy's Fish Shop, or Clint's Blacksmith Store.
3. Walk to the counter and press on left click it, just like you would if you were buying.
4. Open your inventory by pressing the inventory option in the upper left.
5. Click press the item you would like to sell. If it is grayed out, you cannot sell the item at this store.
6. To sell a certain number of the item, drag the bar to the desired number left click to sell all of the item, right click to sell one, or hold down the shift key and right click to sell half.

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Place you can sell.	Location.	Kinds of Items you can sell
Bin	Beside the house.	Almost anything that you can sell in the game. For example, you cannot sell furniture to anyone, but while you cannot sell weapons in the bin, you can sell them to Marlon.
Pierre's General Store	In the town square.	Foraged items, crops, artisan goods, cooked dishes, and animal products.
Willy's Fish Shop	On the boardwalk by the beach.	Fish, bait, fishing tackle, beach foraged items, roe, and other fish products.
Robin's Carpenter's Shop	North of the town, north east of your farm. Near the caves and mountain lake.	Fiber, wood, stone, clay, and hardwood.
Clint's Blacksmith Shop	On the far right edge of town by the library.	Minerals, ore, bars, and gemstones. He will not buy geodes, but can crack them open and then you can sell the contents.
Marnie's Ranch	South of the farm.	Animal products.
Marlon and Gil's Adventurer's Guild	East of the mine entrance.	Weapons, boots, rings, and monster loot.

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1. Collect gifts such as plants, animal products, artisan goods, and gemstones.
2. Give these gifts directly to someone by getting close to the person and right clicking pressing when the gift bubble pops up.

Try to gift someone items you know they like or think they might like.

If they like the gift, your friendship level with them will increase. This is in the social tab of your inventory,

represented by hearts each worth 250 friendship points. 

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You can give people a maximum of two gifts a week. This limit does not apply on their birthday; if you've already given them two gifts that week, you may still give them one on their birthday.

The more a person likes a gift, the more your friendship points with them will increase. Conversely, if they dislike or hate the gift, your friendship points with them will decrease. You can see these increases or decreases over time through the hearts that fill in beside their name in the Social tab of your inventory. Each heart represents 250 friendship points.

There are some gifts that all (or almost all) villagers love. Similarly, there are some gifts that all (or almost all) villagers like, are neutral towards, dislike, or hate. In general, when you are trying to figure out what a person likes or loves, think of what they do. You may also try talking to them and picking up hints of what they like doing within the conversation, much like you may do in real life! This isn't a fool-proof plan, but it's a good place to start. And remember that it's not the end of the world if you give them a gift they don't like; you can just try another one. You can read a [detailed list of preferred gifts](#), but do be aware that it contains spoilers and that you might enjoy more figuring out what each person prefers on your own!

If you can, try to always give the birthday person a gift and one they like or love. When you give someone a gift on their birthday, your friendship points will increase (or decrease) by 8 times the regular amount.

Additionally, you may start dating single people once you've filled all possible hearts with them. After you fill up the hearts that are opened once you start dating them, you may marry them. When they're married to you, they need gifts more often to maintain full hearts with you.

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Love	They say something very positive and a heart bubble will appear above them.	+80
Like	They say something positive.	+45
Neutral	They	+20
Dislike	They say something negative.	-20
Hate	They say something very negative and a cloudy, upset bubble will appear above them.	-40

Personalize Your Farm

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These steps may take multiple days or even weeks in game-time, but give a good overview of what you might do to personalize your farm.

1. Clear land strategically, removing grass, weeds, stones, and sticks while cutting down trees primarily in areas that you need cleared.
2. Store these resources in chests.
You can craft chests with 50 wood.
3. Check how much new farm buildings or upgrades will cost at Robin's.
Once you have a barn or a coop, you can purchase animals from Marnie.
4. As needed, save up money or gather more resources from other areas around the town.
5. Purchase buildings from Robin, who will take a few days to construct them, or purchase animals from Marnie which you will receive right away.
6. Once you have animals, you will also want to construct a silo where you can store hay.
You get hay by cutting grass with a scythe.

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What buildings can you get?	What do you need to get the buildings?	What can you use the buildings for?
Silo	100 gold (money), 100 stone, 10 clay, 5 copper bars	Store harvested wild grass as hay.
Well	1000 gold, 75 stone	Water source that you can put anywhere on your farm.
Barn	6000 gold, 350 wood, 150 stone	Allows you to purchase cows and houses up to 4 larger animals.
Coop	4000 gold, 300 wood, 100 stone	Allows you to purchase chickens and houses up to 4 smaller animals.
Stable	10000 gold, 100 hardwood, 5 iron bars	Allows you to get a horse and houses it.
Slime Hutch	10000 gold, 500 stone, 10 refined quartz, 1 iridium bar	Allows you to house, raise, and breed up to 20 slimes.
Shed	15000 gold, 330 wood	Storage space or a building that can basically act like another Farm House.

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Big Barn	A Barn, 12000 gold, 450 wood, 200 stone	Upgrades the Barn which allows you to purchase goats and house up to 8 larger animals.
Deluxe Barn	A Big Barn, 25000 gold, 550 wood, 300 stone	Upgrades the Big Barn which allows you to purchase sheep and pigs and house up to 12 larger animals, and automatically refill hay bales from the silo.
Big Coop	A Coop, 10000 gold, 400 wood, 150 stone	Upgrades the Coop which allows you to purchase ducks, house up to 8 smaller animals, and incubate eggs.
Deluxe Coop	A Big Coop, 20000 gold, 500 wood, 200 stone	Upgrades the Big Coop which allows you to purchase animals, house up to 12 smaller animals, and automatically refill hay bales from the silo.
Farm House 1st Expansion	Your original Farm House, 10000 gold, 450 wood	Upgrades the Farm House which adds a bedroom and a kitchen, with which you can now cook meals.
Farm House 2nd Expansion	Farm House 1st Expansion, 50000 gold, 150 hardwood	Upgrades the Farm House 1st Expansion, which gives you a baby room.

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Farm House 3rd Expansion	Farm House 2nd Expansion, 100000 gold	Upgrades the Farm House 2nd Expansion, which gives you a cellar in which you can store chests or make high quality artisan goods.
Big Shed	A shed, 20000 gold, 550 wood, and 300 stone	Doubles the size of the shed.

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1. Open your inventory by pressing the hamburger button on the right side of your screen, pressing the "e" key.
2. Open the crafting tab.
This tab will show what items you know how to craft.
3. Examine the items and find which one you would like to craft.
If you can't find the item you would like to craft, you probably do not know the recipe for it yet. You can learn more recipes through leveling up in a skill, purchasing them at a related shop, or completing some quests.
4. Hover over the item to see what materials are needed to craft it. If it is grayed out, you do not have the needed materials in your inventory.
5. With the needed materials in your inventory, select the item you would like to craft and then place it in your inventory.

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