

Make a terrarium garden

A Terrarium garden is a group of small plants grown in a container. This low maintenance garden is fun to make and easy to look after.

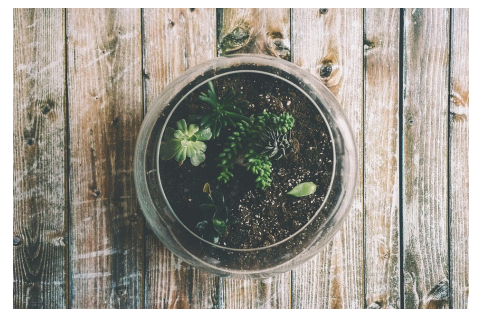
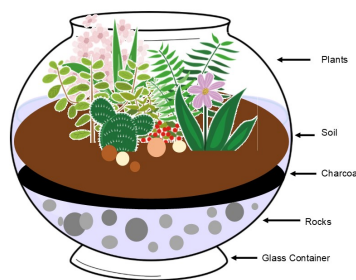
Choose plants that are small, slow-growing and suited for the correct environment. For example, if you're designing a humid terrarium choose a mix of: small ferns, small peace lilies, jade plants, oxalis, small philodendrons, begonias, African violets, etc. Alternatively you can make an arid terrarium with succulents and cacti. Basically, you need to choose plants that have similar growing needs, so don't mix ferns and moss with cacti.



You can either have an open terrarium or a closed one. If you're selecting plants that like humid conditions, choose a container with a closed lid. If you're choosing plants that like a dry environment, such as succulents and cacti, choose a container without a lid.

You will need:

- A clear glass container with or without a lid (e.g. glass jar, fish bowl, biscuit jar, etc.)
- Pebbles
- Activated charcoal
- Potting mix
- A selection of plants - a variety of colour, size and shape works well together



Method:

- ◆ Place a layer of rocks down the bottom of your container (this helps with drainage).
 - ◆ Next add a layer of charcoal (the charcoal helps drain the water and prevent fungi from growing).
 - ◆ Fill the container to half-way with potting mix.
 - ◆ Now the fun part, it's time to plant!
 - ◆ Water your plants (not too much) and place the container in indirect sunlight.
 - ◆ You might like to decorate around your plants with ornaments, rocks, seeds, pine cones, etc.
- Have fun!*