



How to Create a Fairy Garden

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Creating a Fairy Garden is a fun addition to your indoor living space and the perfect artistic project for those that have no yard space. These miniature gardens consist of small landscapes filled with small plants and trinkets designed to “attract” fairies to your garden. It’s simple to get started and customizing the garden with special touches is where the magic lives. You don’t even have to believe in fairies, but if you do, even better. Here’s how to get started.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

- Potting mix
- A container with drainage holes
- Plants, twigs, and/or flowers
- Pea gravel, pebbles, glass marbles
- Mini garden decorations such as a fairy house, mini table and chairs, and a fence - check out the selection at Little Red Nursery

GETTING STARTED: Theme ~ Pick whatever theme matches your existing garden or your imagination - English cottage, forest backdrop, treehouse or Texas landscape - the sky’s the limit! Whatever style you choose will help decide which accessories and plants to fill your garden with after it’s created.

Plan ~ Once you decide your theme, choose a location to house your fairy garden. You may select an indoor or outdoor location, you just need to ensure your container will fit the space. Collect the materials you need to fit your theme. **Container** ~ Choose almost any container for your project. Whatever you pick will need drainage holes because you’ll be using live plants. Glass bowls, terrariums, and terra cotta pots all work well. Make sure your container measures at least six inches deep and approximately 14 inches across to accommodate enough features and plants to build a proper fairy garden.

BUILDING YOUR GARDEN:

Soil ~ Choose composted soil full of organic matter and small bark pieces to lend the most “alive” look to your fairy garden. Ensure proper drainage by adding a layer of pea gravel to the bottom of your container. It’s also a good idea to include a layer of charcoal to keep the garden fresh. Fill the container with potting soil and add bark, pebbles, or moss on top to create paths for the fairies.

Plants ~ Narrow your plant selection by considering where your fairy garden is located. If outdoors, will the garden be in full or partial sun? If indoors, pick your plants accordingly because some plants don’t do well indoors. Choose miniature plants for your landscape and flowers for color and visual interest. Select options with interesting shapes and texture. Don’t overcrowd the container because you’ll be adding additional items and accessories to make your garden a fairy home. However, clumping plants together in some areas make for good fairy hiding places. Look for two-to-three-inch plant pots with low-growing and small-leaf plants that will be easy to grow and maintain. And as always, use your imagination. Some plants can be pruned to look like tiny trees. Rosemary is a fine example of this strategy. Other good choices include ferns, succulents, small bonsai trees, baby tears, tiny violas, primroses and ivy, to name a few.

Accessories ~ Here comes the fun part! Decorate your garden with small mushroom stools, little benches, a fairy house, fences (popsicle sticks can be repurposed nicely as fairy fences), and fairy lights. Make your own accents or check out the selection at Little Red Nursery. Some options are chairs, trellises, birdhouses, toadstools, birdbaths, watering cans, pails, lanterns, animals and the fairies themselves.

Designing a fairy garden can be addictive. There are so many different themes and accessories that you’ll probably never run out of design ideas. Add the fact that fairy gardens are fairly easy to build and you may never stop adding these magical wonders to your garden.

