



How To Build A TERRARIUM

In 6 Easy Steps

1)  **Select a terrarium:** This will be the home of your new living environment.

2)  **Add a drainage layer:** Adding a layer of sand and/or small pebbles will ensure your terrarium has good drainage and will create humidity.

3)  **Add a layer of charcoal and sphagnum moss:** Charcoal will help absorb odor and excess moisture. The moss will prevent the soil which will be added next, from settling into sand and small pebbles.

4)  **Add about 1" of potting soil:** Regular potting soil will get the job done. However, if you are creating a desert environment with succulents, a cactus planting mix is best.

5)  **Select Your Plants:** Place your plants, while still in their containers, within your terrarium to find the perfect arrangement. Once you are satisfied with the look, install.

6)  **Add finishing touches:** Place ornaments and/or decorations in your terrarium to suit your taste, and of course, the season!



Some Helpful Hints...

- Terrariums will thrive and do best in indirect bright light.
- When terrariums begin to have condensation build up on the glass, this is a sign that it's time to open it up and let some air in.
- To avoid frequent build-up of condensation, you should create a schedule to aerate the environment by lifting the glass or removing the lid for several hours every week.
- How much water your terrarium needs will depend on how much condensation builds up and how often you aerate. As a general rule of thumb, water once a week. But, remember, it is always easier to add more water than remove the excess. A terrarium should never be soggy.
- To transplant from your terrarium, make sure the soil is moist in the container you're transplanting from. Use a spoon to try to dig out a small root ball of soil about an inch in diameter to minimize the root disturbance. Place your plant in a new container and water thoroughly.

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