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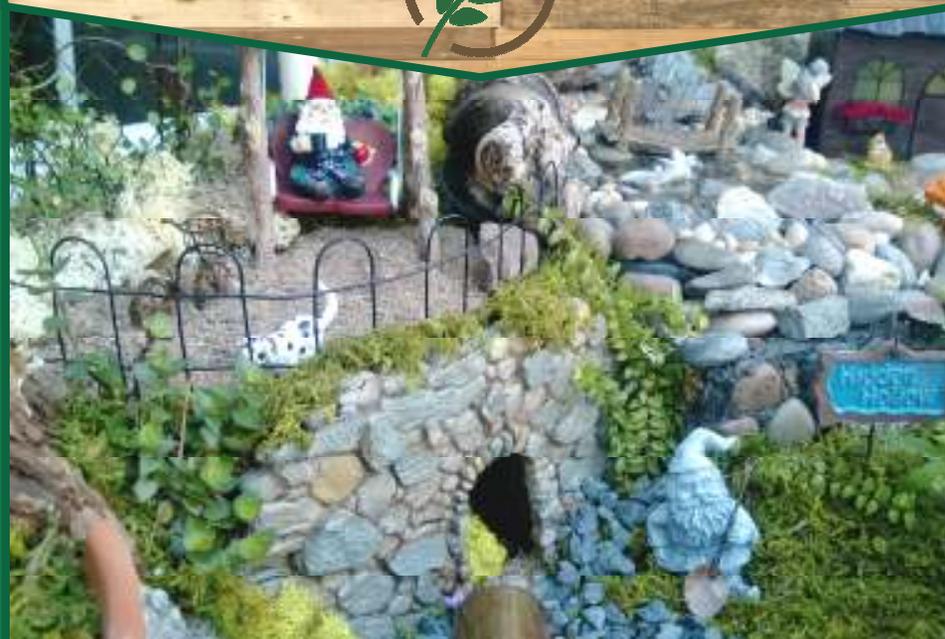


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**Garden Guide**

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# How to Make a Miniature Garden



Miniature gardening is a wonderful way for gardeners to indulge their passion year round. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a novice, mini gardens are a fun way to exercise your creativity. It's easy! All you need are a few choice materials and a touch of whimsy and you'll be on your way to creating a garden to enjoy all year long.

## Materials Needed

1. Container
2. Pea gravel or small stones
3. Activated charcoal
4. Potting soil/cactus soil
5. Plants (miniature)
6. Sheet moss or loose moss
7. Bark, sand, glass beads
8. Decorative miniatures



## Step-by-Step Instructions

- 1. Choose a Container:** Shallow containers work well for succulent & cacti gardens. Terracotta, plastic and ceramic pots are great for most other plants. Or, think outside the box by planting a wheelbarrow, metal or glass pans, broken pottery or a handmade box. The possibilities are endless!
- 2. Prepare Your Container:** Cover any drainage holes with a coffee filter or landscape cloth to keep soil from washing out. Containers without drainage, need a 1/2" to 1" layer of pea gravel or small stones at the bottom. Add a layer of activated charcoal on top of the gravel to help purify and sweeten the soil.
- 3. Add Your Soil:** Cactus soil should be used for succulent and cacti gardens. Regular potting soil, preferably without water retention crystals and fertilizer, works well for houseplants, small shrubs and herbs.
- 4. Add Your Plants:** For indoor only gardens, house plants with low light requirements are a good choice. If you plan on moving your garden outside for the summer, use cacti, succulents, dwarf shrubs, sedums, small perennials or herbs.
- 5. BE CREATIVE:** Layer your gardens using bark, rock or shards of pottery to create a retaining wall. Use preserved or sterilized bark or moss on top of the soil to create a woodland look and cover the soil .
- 6. Personalize it:** Add miniatures like fairies, gnomes, mini furniture, glass beads, moss, rocks and more. You can even change the scene by updating your embellishments seasonally!

