

# DIY Terrarium in a Jar

## Materials

- Mason jar (any size will do but I recommend a 2pint)
- Succulent/Cacti Soil if using succulents or indoor soil if using mini ferns
- Gravel
- Activated charcoal (necessary if you want to close the lid. It keeps the bacteria in check.)
- Assorted moss-optional
- Sea glass mix, colored rocks, or shells-optional
- 1 live succulent or mini fern –or many, if you are wanting to make many terrariums :)

## Instructions

- Start with a clean and clear glass jar or container. Your recycling bin most likely has a good option. Other fun options would be a fish bowl, coffee pot, pickle jar, and more.
- Cover the bottom of the jar with a layer of pebbles or gravel for drainage.
- Add a small layer of activated charcoal.
- Add a layer of moss to help the potting soil from staying out of the charcoal layer. This is optional. if you aren't too picky about the layered look you can skip this.
- Add a thick layer of potting soil. Get potting soil made for indoor plants if you can.
- Shake off the dirt that comes with the plants. Use a spoon to create the hole for your plants.
- Plant small ferns, succulents, or even cacti in your soil and pat it in gently. You want to keep about 1 plant per 1-inch diameter, if possible. A good resource for small plants for your terrarium is your local garden store fairy garden section. Generally, plant your largest plant first so you leave enough space for the smaller plants.
- Once your plants are planted, add additional moss, gravel, or decorative rocks to cover the soil.
- Finish with your small extra accessories, if you decide to use them.

## Caring for terrarium plants:

- Keep the soil in your terrarium moist by gently spraying the soil with a water sprayer.
- Keep condensation in check. Remove the lid of your jar when you see a heavy condensation in the jar. When the condensation has gone, replace the lid.
- Keep the plants deadheaded, pruned, and leaves trimmed that are yellow or brown.
- Don't fertilize the plants!



