

# ALLSORTS AT HOME

## Fairy Garden

Fairy gardens can be made from all sorts of things that you have around the house or in your craft box. They can be as small or as big as your imagination, backyard or shelf space allows. It is okay if they are just in a bowl on your window ledge, as they are made for fairies and we all know that they are only tiny.



### You'll need:

- A waterproof container such as an old fish or glass bowl, plant pot, icecream container, small bucket, old casserole dish.
- Soil for a real garden or you can use foam, polystyrene, sand or even playdoh
- Tiny pebbles, wood chips, twigs, fake plants or some seedlings or seeds, paddle pop sticks, matchsticks with heads cut off, oasis (green stuff that comes with flower arrangements)
- Any little figures like fairies, goblins, butterflies and bees or you can make your own.
- Cotton cloth or coloured paper.

## Method

- Put the soil into your container and use plants to make trees and bushes.
- If you are making an ornamental garden, use oasis or coloured sand. Wood chips make great pathways.
- You can make a cottage, wishing well, bridge out of bark, twigs, paddle pop sticks, skewers or matches.
- Paint pebbles for rainbow paths and rock pools and fountains.
- Throw in a dinosaur, or some other surprise things and see if the kids and the fairies can find them.
- **For a bigger garden**, you can find a tree in the back yard and make some little signs giving directions for fairies. You will have more height, space and scope for plants and you can use bigger rocks and make a pond with real water.
- Bridges and paths can be made the same way or with bigger pieces of bark and wood.
- A string of lights or candles can be there to dress your garden and make it more magical outside.