



Big Brothers Big Sisters

## Making a Terrarium



**About:** A terrarium is a self-contained growing environment for [plants](#), customarily a glass or transparent plastic container. They range in size from small bottles with a few miniature plants to large aquariums filled with a variety of moisture-loving tropical or subtropical plants. They are ideal for the home as they require little care once established and can be grown with minimal direct light.

**What you'll need:** A plastic container, 3, 5, or 7 plants (this odd numbered arrangement tends to be more interesting than even numbered arrangements), 1 bag of potting soil, 1 small bag of stones for the bottom of the terrarium and/or seashells

### Instructions:

1. Put a one inch layer of stones in the bottom of your terrarium
2. Fill the container about half full of potting soil
3. Remove the plants from their plastic pots and arrange them in your terrarium.
4. Once you have found an arrangement you like fill the rest of the container with potting soil and gently tap it down so it is firm and the plants are supported.
5. Water with a moderate amount of water.
6. Put the terrarium in a place with moderate or occasional sunlight

### Notes:

A terrarium is really easy to care for. Check on it every day and stick your finger in the soil. If it is dry then water it. Examine the bottom of the terrarium. If there is water among the stones then you should not water it for a few days.