

CREATE A TERRARIUM



1 Start with a clean glass container. Spread crushed gravel or pebbles on the base, to one-fifth of the height.



2 Cut a piece of butcher's paper a bit smaller than the container and position on the gravel or pebbles.



3 Press moistened sphagnum moss tightly around the inside edge to prevent any soil dropping through.



4 Sprinkle in 4 tablespoons of horticultural charcoal, then add a 50-70mm layer of soil.



5 Add more soil in some areas to make a mound and create variations in height.



6 Remove the plants from the pots. Scrape excess soil from the rootballs and trim any roots longer than 50mm.



7 Dig holes, position the plants and fill in with soil, firming it down to remove any air pockets.



8 Put tall plants at the back and small at the front. Wash down the sides and water the plants with a spray bottle.



9 Finish the miniscap with feature rocks, decorative stones, pebbles, crystals or figurines. >

MINISPHERE

Air plants don't require soil, as they use their roots to anchor themselves to rocks and branches.

Soak air plants in a bowl of water for 30 minutes. Drain the plants and shake off any excess water, as they may rot if they hold extra moisture for too long.

Pour grey stones into the orb. Add glass pebbles around the front, then arrange the air plants. Add coral, shells, a sea urchin and starfish.

Attach fishing wire or string to the glass loop at the top of the orb, then hang it.

Air plants don't need soil so are lightweight for hanging.



Guidelines

- Give it a position in bright, indirect sunlight.
- Remove the plants and soak in water once a week for 30 minutes. Spritz with water using a spray bottle in the warmer months.
- Curled leaves indicate that the plants are not getting enough water.

What you need

- 15cm glass tealight orb
- ¼ cup decorative grey stones
- ¼ cup glass bead pebbles
- 1 *Tillandsia stricta*
- 1 *Tillandsia ionantha* 'Rubra'
- 1 *Tillandsia ionantha* v Mexico
- 1 *Tillandsia ionantha* 'Peach'
- Small handful of coral rubble
- Handful of small shells
- 1 dried sea urchin
- 1 dried starfish

PITCHER PERFECT



Carnivorous plants like moist, boggy conditions and get their nutrients from capturing and digesting insects.

Pour gravel into the fishbowl and gently shake to create an even layer. Sprinkle charcoal over the top. Mix the peat moss and sand and add half.

Remove the plants from their pots, gently scrape away any excess soil

from the rootballs, then arrange in the centre of the bowl. Cover the roots with the extra soil and firm it down.

Put large rocks and pebbles in between the plants. Add the live moss around the inside edge, then water the plants thoroughly using a spray bottle.

Keep it in a cool spot with lots of bright, indirect sunlight.

What you need

- 35cm glass fishbowl
- 3 cups gravel
- ½ cup horticultural charcoal
- 1 cup peat moss
- 1 cup horticultural sand
- 3 *Sarracenia x umlaeftiana* 'Pitcher Plant'
- 2 large rocks
- Handful of black river pebbles
- 1 cup live moss

Drop an insect into the traps of these plants once a week.



Guidelines

- ⊕ Use distilled water, as these plants are sensitive to chemicals in tap water. In summer, pour ½ a cup onto the soil once a week.
- ⊕ Pitcher plants have a dormant winter period where the leaves die back.
- ⊕ If plants start reaching to one side, rotate the bowl. >

SHE SELLS SEASHELLS



What you need

- 35cm concrete-based hurricane lamp vase
- 2 cups gravel
- ½ cup horticultural charcoal
- 2 cups African violet potting mix
- 1 *Syngonium* 'Neon'
- 1 *Hypoestes phyllostachya* 'Pink Polka Dot'
- 1 *Hypoestes phyllostachya* 'White Polka Dot'
- 1 *Saintpaulia ionantha* 'African Violet'
- 1 dried sea fan
- 1 cup grey decorative pebbles
- 1 cup coral rubble
- Handful of seashells
- 1 dried sea urchin
- 1 dried starfish

Shells and coral give a wonderful beach effect to a terrarium.

Pour gravel into the vase, but don't go above the concrete base, so the drainage layer isn't visible. Gently shake to create an even layer. Sprinkle the charcoal evenly over the top.

Add three-quarters of the potting mix and create a mound in the centre. Plant the sea fan at the back. Remove

the plants from their pots and scrape away the soil to show the rootballs.

Put taller plants at the back and smaller towards the front. Firm down the remaining soil over the roots.

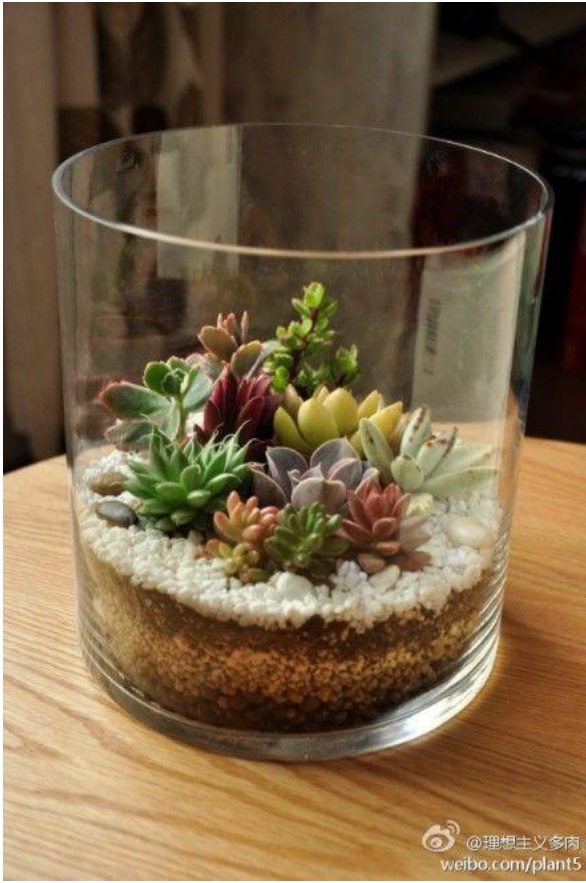
Add decorative pebbles and coral around the inside edge, then the shells, sea urchin and starfish. Water the plants well using a spray bottle.



You can buy dried sea materials from an aquarium shop.

Guidelines

- Position in indirect light.
- Slowly pour ½ cup water directly onto the soil every 7-14 days, depending on the season and climate.
- Keep the soil moist in between waterings but not soaking wet.
- Replace any plants that outgrow their environment.



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