

Caroline's Guide to Terrariums

What is a terrarium?

It is an enclosed habitat that can be made in just about any glass container. It is planted to look like a miniature garden or forest.



Blueprint for success

1. Add a small amount of charcoal to the bottom of your terrarium
2. Add layers of a) sand, b) rocks, and c) soil
3. Take plants out of their containers and arrange them on the surface
4. Once you are satisfied with the plant arrangement, fill them in with soil to cover their roots
5. Time to decorate! Have fun and make the piece your own
6. Use a glass cleaning wipe to make your new creation sparkle

Upkeep

- **Watering:** A closed terrarium like the one we made today will lose very little water over time, due to the lack of air flow and sealed nature of the jar. *Beware of overwatering.* I tend not to add water until I see the dirt on the sides looks dry or the plants start to droop. Be sure to only use distilled or rain water as the chemicals in tap can build up in the sealed jar.
- **Light:** *Avoid direct afternoon light.* This can cause this inside of the jar to overheat. It is best to place your jar in a spot with bright morning light, filtered afternoon light or indirect bright light.