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Terrariums



If you love the natural atmosphere of a garden, but don't have time nor room to enjoy one, start building one indoors with a terrarium! The modern terrarium traces its roots back to England in the early 1800's, when it was discovered that plants tend to grow better in their own clean, contained ecosystem, much like a greenhouse!

They make wonderful gifts to those with green thumbs, and especially for those who just don't have time to play with dirt in the yard!

How To Build A Terrarium

First, create a base foundation layer using sand or pebbles to allow for good drainage. For a <u>closed</u> terrarium, it's best to add an additional layer of crushed charcoal. The charcoal will filter the air and keep it fresh, just like in an aquarium filter.

Next, add a layer of moss and then a layer of nutrient-rich potting soil

Then add your selected plants. We suggest ferns, moss, baby's tears, cacti, and succulents such as jade, aloe, earth starts, and sedum. You may even want to add seeds to grow into new plants.

Finally, add additional decorations to give your terrarium character and personal flair.

Place the terrarium in indirect sunlight. Natural light is needed, but direct sunlight will be too strong.

Open terrariums need watered 1-2 times a week. Closed terrariums rarely need watering. Inside a closed terrarium, a natural water cycle will occur through condensation and precipitation.

With the right terrarium and the right preparation, you'll be able to enjoy the green, growing garden inside for weeks to come!

