

How to build a Fairy Garden with Natural Items from the Yard

Fairy gardens can take on many forms and can be created in many different places.

- First, find a quiet place in your space away from others and give yourself time to envision your tiny garden.
- Look at a base of a tree or the side of a rock, they could be the perfect spot. Close to the ground is usually best. Sometimes you may find a special place in the lower branches of a tree or bush.
- Try to use only natural materials to build your garden.
- Generally, many fairy houses look so natural they are almost hidden.

What would happen if you built a garden for fairies? Would they come to visit? This simple and unique activity sparks a child's imagination and captures their hearts. It sparks imagination and encourages respect for wildlife and their habitats.

Fairy Garden Guidelines

1. Fairy gardens should look natural and hidden if possible- a location close to the ground is best. (You can use a flower pot saucer to contain your garden)
2. Try to use natural material such as dirt, mulch, dry grasses, leaves, sticks pebbles and pinecones. (You can crate tables, forts, homes with small sticks)
3. Be careful not to use or disturb any of nature's materials that are still living, especially flowers, ferns. Fairies do not like to disturb nature!

Now go out and build your very own fairy garden and be sure to share photos and your story with us at The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen.

