



Make a Fairy Garden

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Are you a lover of fairy tales, fantastical beings, and all things magic? Do you also like getting crafty, and finding new and exciting ways to express yourself through art? Making a fairy garden might be the fun and colourful activity you've been looking for. Art, in general, can act as a supportive outlet, and magic can be a wonderful way for us to re-connect with our child-like wonder.

It's also important to note that crafting can be a great tool for boosting creativity and for supporting self-esteem. It can also help us develop our insight and imagination, and can reduce symptoms of anxiety and stress, as well.

TIME

Include how long the activity can take, ranges are okay.

MATERIALS & INSTRUCTIONS

Before you can start creating your magical fairy garden, you'll first need to make a few important decisions (like when, where, how, and with what).

You're welcome to use knick-knacks from around the house, or you can buy figurines and/or other fairy garb from your local Canadian Tire, Dollar Store, or Thrift Store (you'll likely be able to find things on Amazon, as well).

1. *Some things to consider:*
 - a. Where will your garden be located? (inside or outdoors) If outside, will it be protected from the elements? Will it be in the ground or in a planter?
 - b. Will you be putting it inside a container or out on its own? If in a container, consider a flower pot, teacup, cake stand, wooden coaster, tree stump, water bottle etc.
2. Now you must pick what types of plants you'd like to use in your garden (you can also use herbs, rocks, bark, grass, feathers, and everything in between. If you're using a container, pick plants, flowers, and weeds that are going to fit inside of it; if you're making a garden inside, make sure there are elements that can be sustained while indoors.



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3. Start with a “cover” or base for the ground; lay down some grass, moss, and other earthy materials (including mint, chickweed, thyme, fig leaves, daisies, fern, ivy, moneywort etc.)
4. Then add in some height and dimension by bringing in some flowers, herbs, succulents, and other types of wildlife accents (including nasturtium, violets, marigolds, daisies, impatiens, violets, lavender etc.)
5. Now it’s time to decorate and stylize your fairy garden as you see fit! You can use household items, buy something new, or find repurposed artifacts from the thrift store; you can also scavenge around in Mother Nature for some sweet finds. Some ideas include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Flower pot “houses” (for the pot) or “pools” (for the base)
 - b. Tree bark or stumps as “houses” or enclosures; twigs can also be fashioned into houses, ladders, tables, fences, floor or wall panelling etc.
 - c. Tables or chairs made from mushrooms, acorns, or rocks
 - d. Moss and forest debris as walls or floor paneling, ceilings/covers, roadways or walkways, places of rest and reprieve etc.
 - e. Pebbles to lay out a pathway or stairway, or to make a firepit
 - f. Water and moats to create a river or local waterway
 - g. Flowers as decorative displays of colour and art, to make the place feel more homey
 - h. You can also paint or colour any of these objects, to make them look more aligned with their intended purpose (i.e. you can paint a rock to look like a butterfly, or chair, or piece of the walkway)
6. You can also leave out an offering for your fairy friends, to encourage them to come visit your new garden! They love to receive gifts of honey, bread, and/or milk, and are particularly drawn to things that are shiny, like charms or paperclips.

RESOURCES

Include any helpful resources – like links to other instructions.

- If you’re looking for fairy garden samples and displays, please see:
<https://fairygardendiy.com/fairy-garden-ideas-for-kids/>
- For other ideas on how to make you fairy garden, check out:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyX_lfsxtCw

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SUPPORTS NEEDED

You may want to do this activity in pairs or with a family member, particularly if you're planning to dig, plant, forage, glue, stick, or build something for your fairy friends.