

## Creating a Bottle Garden

- Gather your materials:
  - A clean glass container with an opening large enough to reach inside
  - Gravel or pebbles
  - A piece of landscape fabric, coffee filter or old stocking
  - Potting soil
  - About 3 or 5 small, slowing-growing plants—ask your nursery for advice. They should thrive in low light and high moisture. It's a good idea to use a variety of heights, colors and textures.
  - A misting spray bottle
  - Optional: moss, pebbles, pine cones and other decorations
- Place a small amount of gravel on the bottom.
- Cut a piece of landscape fabric (or coffee filter or old stocking) to fit the container and place it over the gravel. This will help hold the potting soil in place.
- Place a small amount of moistened potting soil over the landscape fabric.
- Transplant your plants into the soil. If necessary, prune both top and roots of your plants first so that they'll fit easily.
- Add locally collected moss, pebbles, pine cones and other decorations.
- Use a spray bottle to mist the plants.
- Using a soft cloth, wipe the sides of the bottle to remove any potting soil.
- Keep the bottle garden away from direct light. Water it when needed, using a spray bottle or a few ice cubes.

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