

Trellis's Terrarium Take

Terraria (plural of terrarium) are indoor glass ornaments containing plant life. The Victorian era saw this decorative display of indoor horticulture 'grow' and like most crazes, terrarium 'keeping' has come and gone. Trellis's take is simplified, using household jars as the glass container.

What you will need:

- **Washed glass jar, or similar**
- **Cactus compost** or own mix of 1 part each of compost, grit and perlite
- **Small plant** (e.g. succulents such as sempervirens or cactus, they enjoy dry conditions or ferns, which prefer moist.)
- **Decorative stone or moss**
- **Scissors, tweezers are helpful, spoon and decorative ribbon etc.**



'The Ingredients'

Step 1 Succulents are not hungry plants, so only choose a jar no more than double the plant's size. Spoon compost into the jar approx. 2cm high.



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Step 2 Use a spoon to make a hole in the compost. Place the small plant into the hole, using tweezers if the opening is very small.

Using the back of a spoon, firm the compost around the plant's root plug. Add in more compost, ensuring the compost is just slightly lower than where the plant's stem starts.



Step 2 Place plant into nest of compost

Step 3 Layer on coloured stone (or sphagnum moss—enjoys damp—useful with ferns) to act as decoration and to prevent the leaves from touching damp compost.



Step 3 Top with stone or moss

Step 4 Add seasonal decoration for gifts at Christmas, Mother's day, birthdays



Step 4 Get decorating!

Step 5 Succulents prefer a sunny windowsill and a good dousing of water, followed by a dry spell to mimic their natural arid growing conditions. Water maximum weekly during Spring and Summer, letting them dry out completely in Autumn/Winter. Ferns prefer damp conditions and shade /semi-shade. Water/mist regularly to keep compost moist.

The plant will require re-potting into a bigger jar with fresh compost in two years.