

spring activities



make your own terrarium

Find an empty glass vessel with a lid. I've used a candle jar, but anything works - jam jars, kilner jars. The wider the neck the better.

Put a layer of grit in the bottom of your jar. This can be horticultural grit or just some gravel. This layer is important for drainage. Add your peat free compost. I aim for the grit and the compost layer to be about the same size, and to take up about 1/3 of the total space.

Add your plants. Just rooted cuttings are ideal for this. Use the end of a small paintbrush to make a small hole, place the roots and bottom of the stem in, and loosely firm in the compost around the plant. Put as many as you want in, but don't forget they will grow so don't overcrowd it.

If you want, you can now add another thin layer of grit, or maybe place some moss or 'mind-your-own-business' in to spread and cover the compost.

Water - I use a spray can to wet the compost through but to make sure there isn't a big puddle in the bottom of the jar.

If there is a lot of condensation build up, just take the lid off until it clears. You can also make the terrarium without a lid, but you need to water these more often.

Wait. Watch. Enjoy.