



## ***Kids Projects***

# **Make a fairy garden**

1. Start by choosing a good spot for your fairy garden. Most fairies prefer shade, so it will be best if your garden's among bushes or under a shady tree.
2. If there's a sunnier patch at the edge you can grow some fairy flowers such as foxgloves (for tiny hands), snapdragons (they're fairy watchdogs), poppies (their satiny petals make party skirts for fairies) and lamb's ear (the leaves will make soft, downy bed coverings and mats).
3. Fairies would like a pond in their fairy garden. You can make this by digging a hole and sinking a plastic bowl so that the top is at ground level. Fill the bowl with water and float some flowers on top. Use half walnut shells or pods like those from an Illawarra flame tree to make fairy boats.
4. Build a 'jetty' or diving board for the pond using a piece of flat board.
5. If you can't have your own water-filled pond, put a mirror flat on the ground then put plants around it to make it into an artificial reflective 'pool'.
6. A few other small mirrors can be placed around the fairy garden to add light and sparkle. Fairies love to look at themselves in the mirror.
7. Decorate the shrubs and branches in your fairy garden with some sparkly tinsel.
8. Look for some solar powered dragonflies or butterflies. They're sold at good garden shops and they'll light the garden at night.
9. Put a garden pot on its side half in the soil and decorate it to make a 'cave' for your fairies.
10. In the shady spots, use moss or Corsican mint for a ground cover. In the sunny spots you can use carpeting thyme (you'll find this in a herb shop). Set up a tiny table for a fairy tea party, and wait for the fairies to move in!

### ***Remember to always:***

- Wash your hands well after gardening.
- Wear shoes to protect your feet.
- Wear a hat and sunscreen.