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## Introduction

Fairies are everywhere but not everyone can see them. They love nature so can be found wherever flowers and plants grow. You can invite fairies into your home by creating your very own magical garden they would love to live in.

This kit includes the items you need to make a beautiful place for your fairy to live. Once built, you can make it even more special by adding your own decorations.

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### Creating Your Fairy Garden



### I. Add Soil to the Fairy Garden Bowl

Fill the bowl nearly to the top with some sieved garden soil or multi-purpose compost available from garden centres. The soil or compost should be damp but not too wet. Firm the soil down to make a smooth and stable surface.

### 2. Assemble the Fairy Cottage

To assemble the Fairy Cottage see the construction guide below. Place the cottage on the soil close to the rim of the bowl with the door facing into the centre of the garden. Then insert the carpet on the floor of the cottage.







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### 3. Add the Water Feature

Make a small hole in the soil the size of the Oyster Shell in the kit (you can use a spoon as a spade). Place the shell in the hole so that the sides are level with the soil.



### 5. Hang Out the Washing

In a spare area of the garden place the washing line poles about 8cm apart. Make the washing line by cutting the cord to length and tying it to the poles. Then hang out the pink blanket using the pegs.



Evenly scatter all the grass seed over the bare areas of soil. Carefully sprinkle water over the seeds so that they are damp. Be careful not to add too much water.



### 4. Make a Path

Use the multi-coloured gravel to make a path from the cottage door to the opposite rim of the bowl.





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#### 7. Add the Flowers and Mushrooms

No fairy garden would be complete without mushrooms, so place the two from the kit in your garden. Next plant the flowers from the kit by pushing the stems into the soil.





### 8. Finishing Touches

Carefully pour a little water into the shell to make the fairy pond. Water is important to fairies, so make sure that you wash the shell regularly and keep it topped up with clean water.

To finish your garden, scatter some of the shiny stars on the path because fairies love shiny things.

The Garden is now ready for your fairy to move in. Place her in the garden, maybe next to the pond where she can make some wishes.

Finally, sprinkle some of the fairy dust over the garden to add a little bit of fairy magic!

Your Fairy Garden is now finished, but you don't have to stop there because you can make the garden look even more special by adding your own decorations and plants...

See some of our suggestions on the next pages.

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## Caring for Your Fairy Garden

Depending on the temperature, the grass will take about 1 or 2 weeks to start growing. Place the garden in plenty of light (a window sill is ideal) and check every day to ensure the soil does not dry out. Sprinkle more water on the seeds if needed. When the grass begins to grow, keep the soil moist but don't add too much water as it will make a very muddy garden! It will take a few days for the grass to grow into a lawn. To keep it looking nice, occasionally trim the grass with a pair of safety scissors.

The great thing about fairy gardening is that you can add your own features and decorations to make your fairy feel really special.

You can see in the images below what can easily be achieved by adding items from around your home and garden.



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### Things you can try

Here are some things you can try:

### Fir Cones

Fir cones look great in the garden and you can also make them into fine looking trees by using a stick for a tree trunk.



### **Fences and Gates**

You can make fences or gates from twigs tied together with cotton.



### Trees

You can make great looking trees from twigs or small branches.

### Real Plants and Flowers

You can add real plants or flowers to your garden by planting them in the soil. It's best to use small plants like daisies. They should keep well as long as they are watered regularly. You could also try burying a small pot plant in the soil.



### Other Things

You can add all sorts of things to your garden. You could add some pebbles, shiny objects, snail shells, sea shells, dolls house furniture...in fact anything that will make your garden look special and your fairy feel at home.

Finally, we hope you enjoyed making your Fairy

Garden and creating a magical space for your fairy...



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# **WARNING!**

For Ages 4 years +



Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts that may represent a choking hazard.



direct contact with foodstuffs.

Wash hands after use.

Young children will need the help and supervision of an adult.



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