

SECRET GARDEN



Use your creativity and imagination to create your very own secret garden. Practice world building and get a taste of landscape design.

MATERIALS

- A box (shoebox, shipping box, wooden box, etc)
- Moss
- Rocks/Gravel
- Dirt
- Sand
- Real Foliage
- Fake Foliage
- Small figurines
- Stickers to decorate
- Seedpods
- Sticks/Bark
- Toothpicks
- Clay/Playdough

All are suggestions. Feel free to think other things to add!



STEPS

1. Begin assembling your garden in the base of your box. Sometimes it helps to map it out and ask some questions:
 - a. Will your garden have water elements (we suggest using blue glass beads, glitter, or paint to represent water)
 - b. Will there be path-ways?
 - c. What about garden furniture?
 - d. Will it be flat or will there be hills or slopes? We recommend creating hills out of clay and then covering with dirt or moss.
 - e. Is your garden going to be symmetrical or assymetrical?
2. Be creative. Your garden can include fantastical elements. Maybe a fairy or garden gnome will move it.
3. Decorate the outside of the box. Will it keep the garden inside a secret or will it give clues of the little world inside?

Opportunities for Expanded Learning

Try these landscape design simulators to further explore designing a garden space. Find them [HERE](#)

Looking to spruce up your garden space for your little ones. Here are some fun ideas you can try together at [GardeningKnowHow](#) and [LoveYourLandscape](#)

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