

Make your own Terrarium

During the Victorian Era and into the Edwardian Era of Samantha, people thought a lot about the natural world around them. They loved to bring things from nature into their houses when they had the chance. Here is a nature craft that was popular in wealthy homes in Samantha's time and can be used to decorate your own home today. It is called a terrarium or Wardian case. They are usually created very carefully to mimic a certain environment and real plants are added. Here are instructions to make something like a terrarium but without the trouble of using live plants.



- Gather the following materials:
 - Clear container with a lid (a recycled, clean glass or plastic jar would work. It is best if you can see clearly through the jar.)
 - Soil or sand
 - Items from nature (gather things that will not rot like dried flowers, pretty rocks, feathers, pinecones, shells)
- Take the lid off your container. Add some soil or sand to the jar. Be sure to leave enough room for the items you collected.
- Arrange the other items on top of the soil. You can create layers if you would like or just arrange things in a way that looks appealing to you.
- Once everything is arranged. Put the cover on the container and place your terrarium in a place where people can enjoy it.