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How to make a Deep Sea Dive terrarium

You will need:

- A large, clean jam jar (ask an adult to rinse it with boiling water to sterilise it)
- Decorative pebbles
- Activated charcoal
- Succulent / free-draining compost mix
- Dessert spoon
- Grit mulch
- Small houseplants that look like coral, kelp and other seaweed such as *Sedum stahlii*, *Aristaloe aristata*, *Sansevieria bacularis*
- Small toys (sea creatures) and sea shells





3 Spoon in a layer of succulent / free-draining compost mix.



2 Add a layer of activated charcoal for hygiene.



1 Line the bottom of your jar with decorative pebbles, 3cm deep. This lets excess water drain away from the plant roots.



4 Plant your jar, giving space for each plant to grow.



5 Add grit mulch for a top decorative layer.



6 Add your sea creatures and shells to bring your underwater scene to life.

7 Leave the lid off your terrarium so your succulent plants get enough airflow.

8 Place in a sunny spot and water sparingly using a spray bottle.

If you want to use tropical plants instead, scan here to view our video of how to make a tropical terrarium.

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