

building a terrarium supply list



1. Open (front or top side) clear glass container. A small container like a fish bowl would work.
Source: The size is up to you. The larger the container the more plants you'll need. You can use something you already own, recycle something like a pickle jar, Ball jar, mayo jar or buy a bowl from Walmart, Amazon, Michael's, a pet store, etc. Just pick something you'd like on display in your home.
2. Pea Gravel, sea grass or beach stones
Source: pet store or buy a bag of pea stone from Lowe's or Home Depot. You can also find decorative glass and rocks at dollar stores. You'll need 1-3 cups depending on the size of your glass container.
3. Horticultural charcoal or activated charcoal is only necessary if you want to make a closed terrarium.
Source: Buy a small bag at a nursery or order from Amazon, Lowe's or Walmart.
4. Perlite*
Source: Any big box store or nursery.
5. Sand*
Source: Any big box store or nursery.
6. Sterile potting mix*
Source: Any big box store or nursery.
7. Chopsticks or two pencils and a straw
Source: Your kitchen junk drawer!
8. Rocks, figurines or other items to decorate your creation.
Source: Outdoors, a toy store, Nursery, Amazon, etc. It will depend on what type of decorations you choose.
9. Plants**
Buy small succulent plants (often called plugs) and a few slightly larger different shape & texture plants. They will all grow & we'll discuss propagation so you won't need to buy many.
Source: Find a local nursery since they will have the largest selection. Small plants should be between \$1-\$3.
10. Spray bottle
11. Scissors
12. Optional: Small piece of window screen the width of your bowl.

** If you don't garden regularly & want to reduce the material cost, replace the perlite, sand, and potting mix with a bag of cactus, palm, and citrus potting soil mix which is available at almost all nurseries and garden centers.*

*** If you want to make a closed terrarium do not buy succulents. The easiest starter creation would be made from various small ferns and moss that you source from your nearest shady area or woods. Remember your glass container must be able to seal thoroughly to be successful.*

If you have questions on what to buy, quantity, pricing, etc., please contact, MEM, the class instructor at: 610-780-6897 or callmemem@gmail.com