

How to make your Easter Garden



For your garden you'll need

- a shallow dish or tray;
- garden soil or potting compost;
- moss,
- cut grass or sand;
- craft sticks; or twigs
- glue, or string
- a small pot;
- a flat stone to cover the mouth of the pot;
- egg cups (or other small containers)
- small flowers
- gravel.

1. First, fill the trays with soil or potting compost
2. Put the pot on its side on one side of the tray and arrange the soil over it to make a hill and a cave. Make the other side of the tray a flat area
3. Cover the soil with moss, grass, or sand.
4. Then make crosses with the craft sticks and glue. Then place them on the hilltop.
5. Wrap up a small toy figure in white cloth or tissue paper and put it in the tomb. Place a large stone in front of the tomb, and 2 soldiers as tomb guardsmen in front of the tomb (see if lego friends are the right size, or make some cardboard cut out figures and colour them in).
6. Place the stone over the mouth of the tomb.
7. Using the gravel or sand make a path coming from the tomb to show how the disciples ran there on Easter morning.
8. Press the egg cups into the soil around the flat "garden" area and fill them with the small flowers.
9. On Easter Morning gather everyone around the garden and retell the Easter story. When the part of the story is read where the rock is rolled away, have child(ren) move back the stones from the tomb to show that it's empty.

Suggested reading materials:

Matthew 27:57-66

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/easter/easterstory.aspx>