

## HOW TO MAKE A TERRARIUM

A terrarium not only provides the perfect environment for tropical, humidity-loving plants, it can also make a lovely feature in any room.

You will need Terrarium (lid optional) | Backdrop, such as bark | LECA and fine grit | Free-draining substrate | Hardscaping (logs, rocks) | Moss | Tweezers | Plants | Twine (optional)



1. Cut your backdrop to size. Here I used a cork bark panel, which will allow plants to colonize and climb on it.



2. Add a drainage layer to create an escape route for excess water. A layer of LECA followed by a layer of fine grit stops the substrate falling between larger gaps in it. Add the substrate.



3. Get your hardscaping, such as logs and rocks in before you add the plants.



4. Now add moss to the floor and hardscaping – using tweezers is easiest. You can use superglue to secure it until it takes hold. Moss can be pushed into contact with the substrate.



5. Add your plants to the substrate or moss, using tweezers if necessary to nestle them into pockets of moss. Secure them in place with pieces of twine, if needed.



6. Mist thoroughly to create a humid environment. I add a diluted fertilizer to the mister to give them an immediate boost. Leave open or close if your terrarium has a lid.

