

# Fairy / Miniature Garden



One sure way to attract fairies to your garden is to create a magical miniature space that will make them feel at home. The plants that are just their size assure them that they have an open invitation to your garden! This works well with gnomes & tooth fairies, too.

**Choosing a container:** Containers with drainage holes always work best for live plants, but a container without holes can work as well. For a container with drainage, simply fill it with a good quality potting mix. For a container without holes, first put down a layer of pebbles or perlite for drainage, and then fill with potting soil. Use your imagination regarding containers. Use a birdbath, an old bathtub or wash tub, a wagon, wooden box, or a simple flower pot.

**Create your garden around a theme:** Look at it as home décor... a cottage theme, or whimsy, something nautical, a wee farm, your favorite beach or an enchanted forest. The possibilities are endless.

**Landscape features can help anchor your fairy garden:** You can also “build” a miniature garden right into your landscape. Creating your garden near a small pond, a large rock, a small stream with a footbridge, paths, a tree trunk or a garden wall gives you a base to work with.

**Paths:** Fairies like to frolic around in the garden. Magical stone & gravel paths will entice fairies to roam throughout your gardens & perhaps leave behind a tiny fairy footprint.

**Water Features:** Fairies enjoy the magical properties of water & will be attracted to any miniature water features. Fairies will be splashing about & frolicking with their amphibian friends in no time at all.

**Fairies Best Friend:** Surround your garden with plants that attract butterflies & hummingbirds. Fairies love taking rides on these winged creatures.

**Select plants with compatible light and watering requirements:** Miniature plants are best to achieve the right scale. Remember selecting plants of various height, color and texture will keep the fairies engaged.

**Purple Flowers:** Fairies are attracted to purple, finding it quite enchanting. Purple speaks of mystery, spirituality and passion, and is highly favored by fairy royalty.

**Pink Flowers:** Pink blossoms will attract the gentle and quiet fairies that represent kindness, gentleness, friendship and love.

**White Flowers:** White attracts fairies of every kind to the garden. White represents loyalty, tranquillity, innocence, truth and protection, and it attracts fairies overnight that represent the world of sleep and dreams.

**Red Flowers:** Fairies & their feathered hummingbird friends are attracted to vibrant red flowers symbolizing desire, love, creativity, energy and inspiration.

**Blue Flowers:** Blue blooms will flourish in your fairy garden, depicting fantasy and intrigue. They also represent serenity and secret intuition.

**Orange Flowers:** Orange and peach flowers represent joy, pride and positive energy. Playful fairies will flock to them in joy.

## Fairy/ Miniature Garden cont'd.

### Combine Your Collection:

- Assemble fairy accessories that will make your ideas a reality such as a small building, a chair, or a fence. If your accessories are made from a wood product, you may want to clearcoat, or paint the items to protect them from water and dampness.
- Lay out your collection & decide how it will look best in your container before you plant. You can always change your layout & accessories as time passes or by season. You don't want your fairies or gnomes to get bored.
- In addition to hiding spaces such as houses, flowering shrubs & gnarled tree stumps, fairies love a place to rest. They are glad to see a bench for lounging and might appreciate a soft mossy or grassy spot for napping. Cover the soil with bark, pebbles or sheet moss.

**Water and Fertilize Carefully:** This small-scale garden will need your special care. Use water very carefully if your container does not have drainage holes. In this case you want to make sure you don't "drown" your plants. It is also possible to have a miniature landscape without using plants.

**Decorate for the Seasons!** Fairies & Gnomes love holidays too!



Fairies are peaceful yet mischievous magical folk that like to frolic & dance in your garden. Playful fairies are often responsible for knocking over your garden décor and trampling your garden plants when you're not watching.



Fairies sure know how to throw a good party, and they're happy to bring good luck and prosperity into your garden.

***If you are inspired, but have trouble getting started, K Drive Greenhouse has several talented miniature garden enthusiasts on staff, and they would be delighted to help get you started.***