



## Fairy Gardens

### How to Create a Fairy Garden

The first step in creating a fairy garden is to believe!

Your fairy garden can be built into your landscape or a container. A successful fairy garden starts with good soil, so you may need to add topsoil.

Now you are ready to plant the enchanted forest floor. You may use the ground cover of your choice; they will all create a soft place for fairies to relax and rest their wings.

Next is your hardscape! This means adding features such as paths, bridges and miniature dwellings - using bark, sticks, acorns and other natural materials.

Use twigs, moss and rocks to create fairy furniture.

Enhance your garden with enchanted herbs and plantings. Make sure to select plants that will thrive in your environment and planting zone.

The possibilities are endless! Be imaginative and have fun - fairies will love whatever you build.	
<u>Ground Covers</u>	<u>Showy Flowers</u>
Blue star creeper ( <i>Isotoma fluviatilis</i> )	<i>Armeria</i> 'Nifty Thrifty'
Source URL: <a href="http://www.usbg.gov/fairy-gardens">http://www.usbg.gov/fairy-gardens</a>	Tiny daisy ( <i>Bellium minutum</i> )
Irish moss ( <i>Sagina subulata</i> )	<i>Hosta</i> 'Blue Mouse Ears'
Corsican mint ( <i>Mentha requienii</i> )	Labrador violet ( <i>Viola labradorica</i> )
Emerald cushion ( <i>Azorella trifurcata</i> )	Alpine babies breath ( <i>Gypsophila cerastioides</i> )
Green carpet ( <i>Herniaria glabra</i> )	Dwarf twisted onion ( <i>Allium senescens</i> var. <i>glaucum</i> )
Pygmy cinquefoil ( <i>Potentilla cranztii</i> )	
<u>Fernlike</u>	<u>Grasslike</u>
Fairy fern ( <i>Leptinella potentillina</i> or <i>squalida</i> )	Japanese sweet flag ( <i>Acorus gramineus</i> 'Minimus Aureus')
Thyme ( <i>Thymus</i> spp.)	Dwarf mondo grass ( <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> 'Nana')
	Dwarf horsetail ( <i>Equisetum scirpoides</i> )