

Fairy Garden/Dish Garden Instructions

In individual garden you need to select plants that need the same amount of water and sun/light needs.

Do not put a succulent with a fern. Ferns like lots of water and succulents do not want their feet wet, so they will not get along. You do not want your plants fighting in your garden. You want peace, harmony, and lots of growth in your fairy garden so the fairies and elves will have a safe and beautiful place to dance. The dinosaur won't like it if the plants are arguing, "Turn on the sun, no turn it off!" Everyone needs to get along.

Each garden needs to be sketched out before planting. The sketch can be very plain or very detailed. In this way you can plan where all the plants are going and where your walkways and furniture will go.

Considerations:

1. The **decorations** you are going into your garden need to go up hill. Then sketch a hill. Your garden doesn't need to be flat.

2. When you choose your plants after making sure they will get along, get a tall one, a medium size and one low one. This way your eye will wander around your little garden. This is landscape design. You need 3 plants: a tall one, a medium one and a short one. You can have more plant if you want, make sure the additional plants are in your sketch. These plants you are putting in your garden will get bigger, plan on it. Base your plant spacing on the size your plants will grow into. Will you have enough room for other things like fairies, elves, trucks, dinosaurs, walking paths, and fairy furniture. All those things you want in your garden in addition to the plant. Plant (at least three) that will get along together.

3. Another design idea you might want to think about are tiny lights. There are sets with lots of lights and just a few. Each set comes with a power pack. No big deal, how are you going to "hide" the power pack? Does it have a switch that has to be out? If so, you might want to think about how you can camouflage the switch box. Then make sure you put it on your sketch.

Supplies:

-Planting Container

-Potting soil; or cactus soil

-Pea gravel or fish aquatic substrate pebbles: (comes in color) or looks like pea gravel. This comes in smaller amounts. You can use the fish aquatic substrate pebbles if you are planting in a clear container. The pebbles will add to the color. This gravel is used for drainage.

-Paper toweling to separate the pea gravel from the soil.

-Plastic from an empty milk jug or plastic file folder can be cut, then glue your pebbles to the plastic, make a walking path). In this way your pebbles do not sink into the soil and disappear.

-Lights and furniture or other decorations for your garden: trucks, dinos, fairies, elves, furniture, wooden hanging ladder. Some of these items you can make for yourself. You don't have to put any of the items in your garden.

Now its times to shop for plants. To make this gardening easier I have prepared a list of plants that you can find in Cheyenne locally. This list is first by store, then plant picture, name, price, how big the plant will grow, it is light needs and water needs. This way you can tell if the plants will be compatible. You might

pick a color scheme for your Garden and chose the plants to go with your color plan. Put this into your sketch.



Small house Plants available in Cheyenne

Pix	Pix	Plant Name	Plant Price	Plant Growth	Lighting Needs	Water Needs
LOWES						
		Adiantum Tenerum (Rosy Maiden Hair Fern)	\$3.98	Med Size	Medium Light	Moist but well drained soil
	<i>*This plant is known to purify the air.</i>	Aglaonema Colorful (Chinese Evergreen)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Low to Bright Light	Allow to dry before watering
<i>*This plant is known to purify the air.</i>		Anthurium	\$3.98	Tall Size	Bright Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Begonia (Rex)	\$3.98	Med Size	Medium Light	Allow to dry before watering
		Bamboo (Lucky) Braided	\$18.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Standing water, change water weekly
		Bamboo (Lucky) Curly	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Standing water, change water weekly



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		Bamboo (Lucky) Straight	\$2.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Standing water, change water weekly
		<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i> Codiaeum Variegatum (Petra Croton)	\$5.98*	Tall Size	High Light	Well Drained Moist Soil
<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>		Codiaeum Variegatum (Luna Croton)	\$3.98	Tall Size	High Light	Well Drained Moist Soil
		Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane)	\$5.98	Tall Size	Medium To Low Light	Allow to dry before watering
		Dizygotheca Elegantissima (Olympia False Aralia)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Dracaena (Lemon Surprise)	\$5.98*	Tall Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Dracaena Marginata (Margenta)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Evenly moist Soil

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		Dracaena Deremchis (Warneckii)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Epipremnum Aureum (Golden Pathos - Devils Ivy)	\$3.98	Med Size	Low light	Evenly Moist Soil
*Cross between species from different genera— <i>Fatsia japonica</i> (glossy-leaved paper plant) and <i>Hedera helix</i> (English ivy).		Fatsyhedera Lizei (Pia Tree Ivy)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Low Light	Evenly Moist Soil
	<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>	Fittonia Argyroneira (Juanita)	\$3.98	Med Size	Low Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Fittonia Argyroneira (White Ann)	\$3.98	Med Size	Low Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Hedera Helix (Jubilee English Ivy)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil
<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>		Hemigraphis Alternata Exotica (Belgian Waffle)	\$3.98	Med Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil

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	<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>	Hemigraphis Alternata (Purple Waffle)	\$3.98	Medium Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil
<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>		Hemigraphis Alternata Exotica (Snow White Waffle)	\$3.98	Medium Size	Medium Light	Evenly Moist Soil
		Neathe Bella Palm (Parlor Palm)	\$3.98	Tall Size	High Light	Lightly moist, welled drained
		Pepperoni Oblusfolia Variegata (Golden)	\$3.98	Medium Size	Medium Light	Allow to dry before watering
		Philodendron Scandens (Brasil- Sweetheart Plant)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium to Bright Light	Allow to dry before watering
<i>*Whole plant poisonous to cats and dogs.</i>		Philodendron Scandens (Green- Sweetheart Plant)	\$3.98	Tall Size	Medium to Bright Light	Allow to dry before watering
	Succulents <i>*If the leaves are flat, water moderately.</i>	Succulents	\$3.98	Medium to Short Size	High to medium Light	Low moisture,





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<i>*Natures mimicry plant. Living stones do not over water them. You can mist them, water weekly sparingly</i>		Pteridopilos Nelli (Royal Flush-split rock)	\$3.98	Medium to Short Size	High/ Med Light	When Cactus look shrunken, watered them.
	Cactus		\$3.98	Medium to Short Size	High/ Med Light	When Cactus look shrunken, watered them.

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		Succulents	\$3.98	Medium to Short Size	Med Light	Low water needed
		Cactus	\$4.98	Medium to Short Size	Med Light	Low water needed

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		Rex Begonia	\$2.94	Medium Size	Med Light	Allow soil to dry before watering
		Adiantum Tenerum (Rosy Maiden Hair Fern)	\$3.94	Medium Size	Med Light	Moist but well drained
	<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>	Sunny Star Croton	\$3.94	Medium Size	Med Light	Allow soil to dry before watering

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<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>		Super Star Croton	\$2.94	Tall Size	Med Light	Allow to dry before watering
	<i>*the more light the brighter the color are in the plants leaves</i>	Bush on Fire Croton	\$2.94	Tall Size	Med Light	Allow soil to dry before watering
<i>*Use cactus potting Soil.</i>		Succulents	\$3.74	Short and Medium Size	Med/ High Lights	Drains well, for low water needs
	<i>*Use cactus potting Soil.</i>	Cactus	\$3.74	Medium to Short Size	Med/ High Lights	Drains well, for low water needs
<i>*This soil is light and drains well.</i>	Soils	Cactus potting mix- 8-quart size	\$4.97			Does not hold water
<i>*For all plants except Succulents & Cactus.</i>	Soils	"Expert" regular potting mix 8 qtrs. (indoor)	\$3.93			Too heavy for succulents & Cactus

COMMENTARY

Where are going to put your garden? How bright and warm is the garden location. This is very important to know before you chose your plants. Decide where your are going to place your garden, check and see how warm it is, and how much light your chosen spot will give your garden. Now that you know all that your can shop for your plants and sketch your garden. That means you have to decide are your chosing folage plants or succulents and cactus. Make your choice and buy the right kind of soil for your plants.

Containers: can be tiny to large, you can plant your house plants, succulents and cactus in them and have fun growing a truck garden, dino or fairy garden.

***Pea gravel:** as drainage, not required, but recommended. About an inch in the bottom of your containers with two layers of paper toweling, cut to the size of your container, over the pea gravel. This will keep the

soil from infiltrating the gravel but will allow the water to filter down into the gravel and wet the soil and keep some of the water in reserve.

Low light: no direct sun light;

Medium light: “filtered sunlight” is light that's been diffused (sheer curtains) between the plant and the light source (a sunny window);

High light: require direct or strong sunlight for most of the day.

***large pots:** Recommend buying the smaller plants. May come with multiple plants that can be separated into multiple pots for separate dish gardens.

When to water your plants? Use your digital tool to determine if your garden needs water. This is done by putting your finger in the soil. Is the soil just dry on top or dry below the surface. You can find this out by poking your finger (digital tool) into the soil and detect how wet or dry it is. You must also look at your plants. If they are limp and the soil is dry, it is time to water.

Inviting a new friend into the house. Some of the plants listed here are from foreign Country. So when you invite them into your home, you are part of foreign exchange program. You might want to do some research about each plant you chose, to find out where it comes from, is it toxic/poisonous, edible, how to propagate (reproduce) your plants. There is lots to know.

Additional items you might want to add to your Fairy Garden like fencing and household items like furniture can be purchased at local hobby stores in the dollhouse section.

CONTAINERS FOR FAIRY/DISH GARDENS: Can be anything that can be made to hold water or isn't so large a plate or saucer can't be put under it for draining the excess water.



Figure 1 Clock Fairy Garden

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Figure 2 Driftwood Fairy Garden

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Figure 3 Wooden Bowl Fairy Garden

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Figure 4 Suitcase Fairy Garden

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Figure 5 Wicker basket Fairy Garden

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Figure 6 Toy Truck Gardens

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Figure 7 Broken Pot Garden

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Figure 8 Open Jar Garden

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Figure 9 Mason Jar Garden with colored rocks works best in clear containers

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Figure 10 Shoe Garden

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Figure 11 Shallow Bowl Container

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Figure 12 Cowboy Boot Garden

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Figure 13 Teacup Fairy Garden

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Figure 13 Rainboot Fairy Gardens

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Figure 14 Colander Fairy Garden

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Can be made water tight with silicon caulk at the seams or spray clear “flex seal” to waterproof your containers. For the colander, and baskets, you will need to line these containers with plastic, and tape it down. This plastic can be purchased at Walmart in the sewing section. Do not use cling wrap, it is not strong enough.