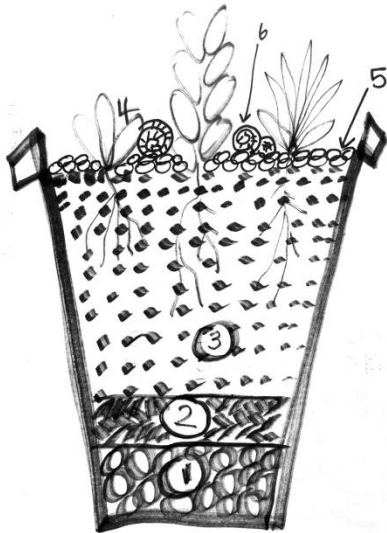


Succulent and Cactus pot

To make a mini succulent or cactus garden; start with a recycled or repurposed container.

STEPS

Follow these 6-steps working from bottom (1) to top (6)



6	Crystals, rocks, sticks, figurines	Decorations
5	Pebbles	Attractive top layer over surface area
4	Plants	Hardy plants such as succulents and cactus
3	Potting mix	Cactus/succulent mix
2	Horticultural (activated) Charcoal – fine/small mix	On top of the drainage stones. This helps to absorb moisture and stops smells
1	Fine gravel/screening stones	Stones are on bottom layer for drainage

TIPS

All life has basic requirements to grow and continue creating life because we are part of systems.

If something is not working with our plants, it is because something is not quite right in our system. This may be not enough sun, too much or too little water, need for nutrients, or not the correct pH of the soil. By learning what the specific plant likes in its life cycle system, we can provide the ideal conditions for it to thrive.

- **Re-make** your mini-garden/pot every 1-2 years to keep soil and plants healthy. Plants and their roots may grow too large for the container, minerals from the water may build up or the potting mix may have depleted all its nutrients. Repeat the steps to re-make with fresh soil.
- **Fertilize** by giving a little diluted 'worm juice' or another suitable fertilizer in Spring and Summer; the main growth seasons.
- **Locate** your pot/mini garden indoors in a well-lit area; near an East facing window is ideal where it gets a little morning gentle sun. If outdoors, full-sun all day may be too harsh.
- **Water** slowly and evenly over the surface occasionally. If you have holes in bottom, don't leave plant sitting in water as roots may rot and the plant could die. Cactus and succulents like dry conditions so only water approximately every 2 weeks when the container has dried out. Mist plants with a spray bottle occasionally on really hot days when the leaves look like they are shrinking in. If no holes in the pot, water less. Water less frequently during Autumn and Winter.
- **Prune** any dead leaves by trimming off with sharp scissors near the stalk base.
- **Propagate** by starting new plants from cuttings. Baby succulents are often called pups!

