

Fairy Garden

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers Learning Center for Gardening



Miniature gardens are delightful for everyone, and have a long history dating back to the first cultivation of bonsai trees in China in the Sixth Century. Today, growing a miniature garden with a “fairy garden” theme is an especially good activity for children that will help them exercise their imagination while they learn lifelong gardening skills.

WHAT GROWS HERE

Planning a miniature garden starts with picturing a "life-sized" landscape, then finding ground hugging mosses and ground covers, dwarf varieties of herbs, succulents, and even shrubs or trees bred to stay small. Adding decorative touches such as fairy houses, benches, stone paths and water features helps create the sense that tiny folk dwell here. Our fairy garden includes:

- Succulents;
- Thyme, Elfin;
- Lavender;
- Geranium, Tiny Pink;
- Grey Lavender Cotton;
- Lettuce Leaf, Salanova Mix;
- Gold Star, Zinnia;
- Asparagus Ferns;
- Bugleweed, Black Scallop;
- Spider Plant
- Calibrachoa Hybrid Superbells: Lemon Slice, Blue Moon Punch, Holy Cow;

HOW WE GROW IT

Caring for a fairy garden makes work feel like play, but even miniature plants may need an occasional trim or a little pruning to maintain their petite size or to encourage rebloom. Our fairy garden receives full sun, so the plants have been chosen accordingly. Be sure to monitor the soil moisture and pay attention to the individual watering needs of each of your tiny plants, as succulents can easily be overwatered.

Resources

For more information on creating your own miniature garden, see this [OSU Extension Miniature Garden guide](#).

For suggestions of fairy garden plants see: <https://miniaturegarden.com/>