Activity 6 – Create a tiny/fairy garden

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Make a small world garden

What to do

- Set up the 'garden' putting a shallow tray out and filling it with soil or sand (if inside you could use paper or felt).
- Lay out the rest of the equipment and talk about what sort of garden you could make.
- Think about places for growing, places for playing and places for relaxing.
- Create a garden together, arranging the objects and talking about them.
- Make up stories together, playing with the garden and developing it.

What you need

A shallow tray or wide plant pot Soil, pebbles, sand, real or artificial flowers, petals, grass, shells, lolly sticks, twigs Small figures, toy animals, dolls house furniture

Craft supplies, e.g. *gems, beads, buttons, feathers.*





Extension

Make benches, swings, fences, scarecrows and houses from twigs, lolly sticks, card and string.

Add a shallow pond, filling a jar lid with water.

Put real small plants in the garden, and or plant cress seeds in a shallow tray and watch the crop grow over a week.

Questions to ask

What could our garden be like?

Who might live there?

Where will the flowers grow?

Will there be a path? How could we make it? Where will the children hide when they play hide and seek?

What if the rabbits eat the lettuces?
What will stop the birds eating the seeds?

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