

A Guide to Terrariums

A Brief History: A Happy Accident

- Created by Dr. Nathaniel Ward in 1827.
- He created the Wardian Case.
- Protected his ferns from London's industrial smog.



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- Became very popular in Victorian England
- Naturalists used them to bring back exotic plants.
- Every upscale Victorian had to have one.

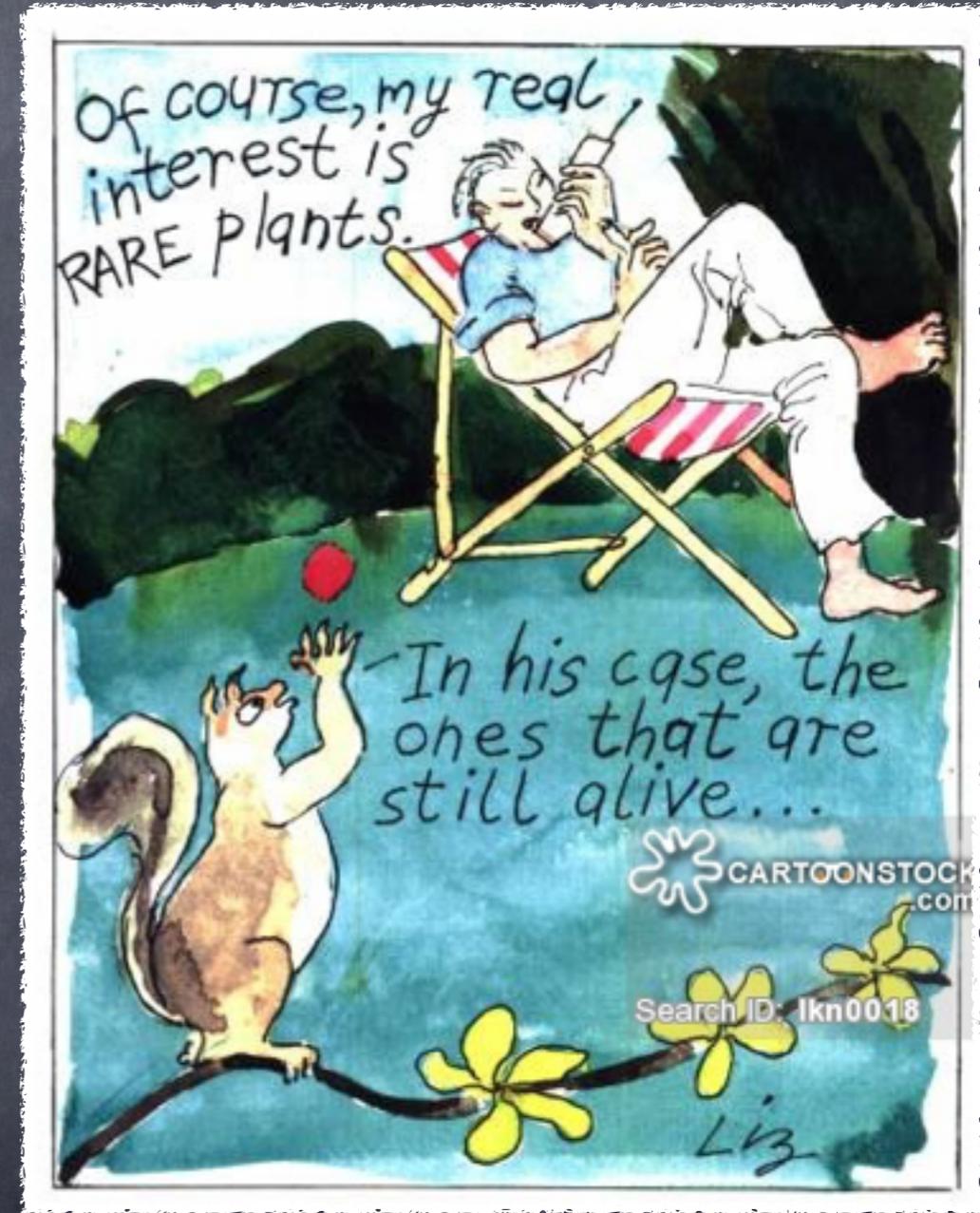


Jane Austen



Advantages of Terrariums

- A terrarium is easy to maintain once you put it together.
- Inexpensive and can be made for under \$30
- Contains tropical plants that may harm native plants in a flower bed



Low Maintenance!

- This British man hasn't watered his terrarium since the 1970s.
- He only watered it once before in the 1950s.
- For 60 years, a mini water cycle has been occurring in this terrarium.



Gardening is a Lifelong Pursuit

- Brings inner peace
- Allows your creativity to flourish
- Brings joy to others

If you want to be happy for a short time,
get drunk; happy for a long time, fall in love;
happy forever, take up gardening.

-Arthur Smith



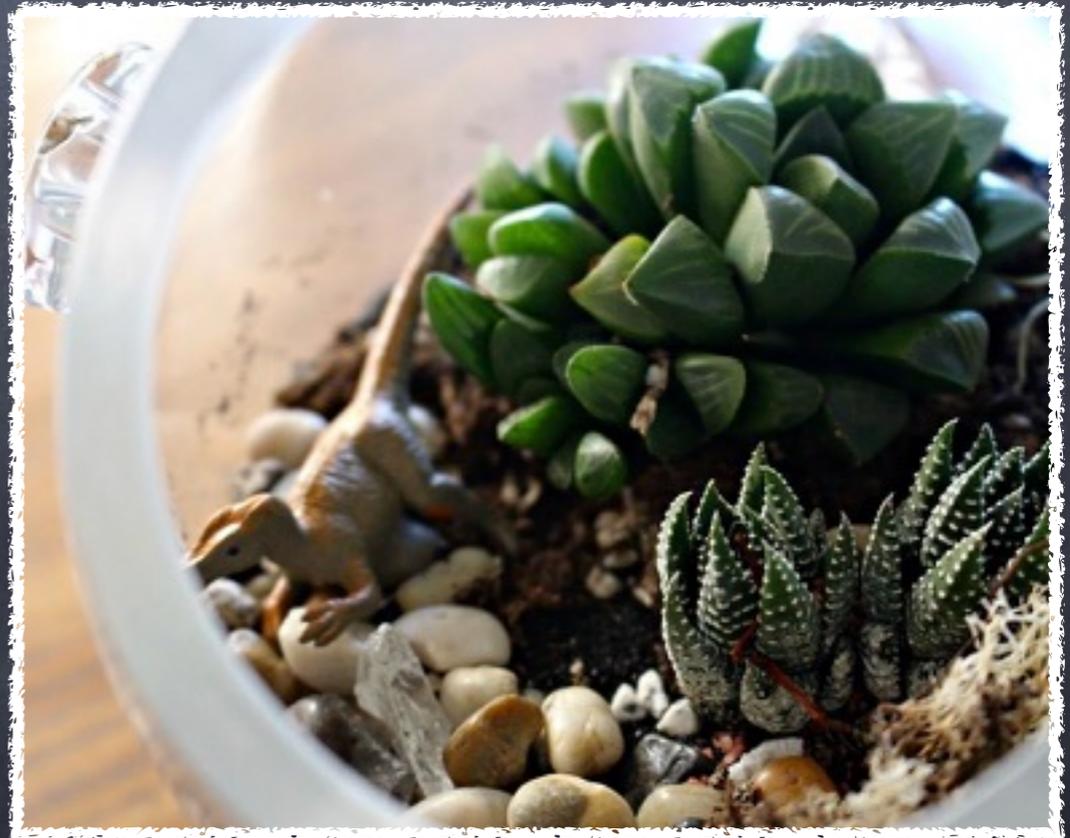
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INSPIRADO

Succulent Terrariums





SPLENDID SUCCULENTS

Airplants



← Accents

Tropical Terrariums



Copyright Seasonal Wisdom



Jurassic Park

Large



Habitat



Tropical

Star Wars



Up



terrarium **IN JARS**



Cake Stand Terrarium





CREATE YOUR OWN WORLD

Or a Hobbit Hole

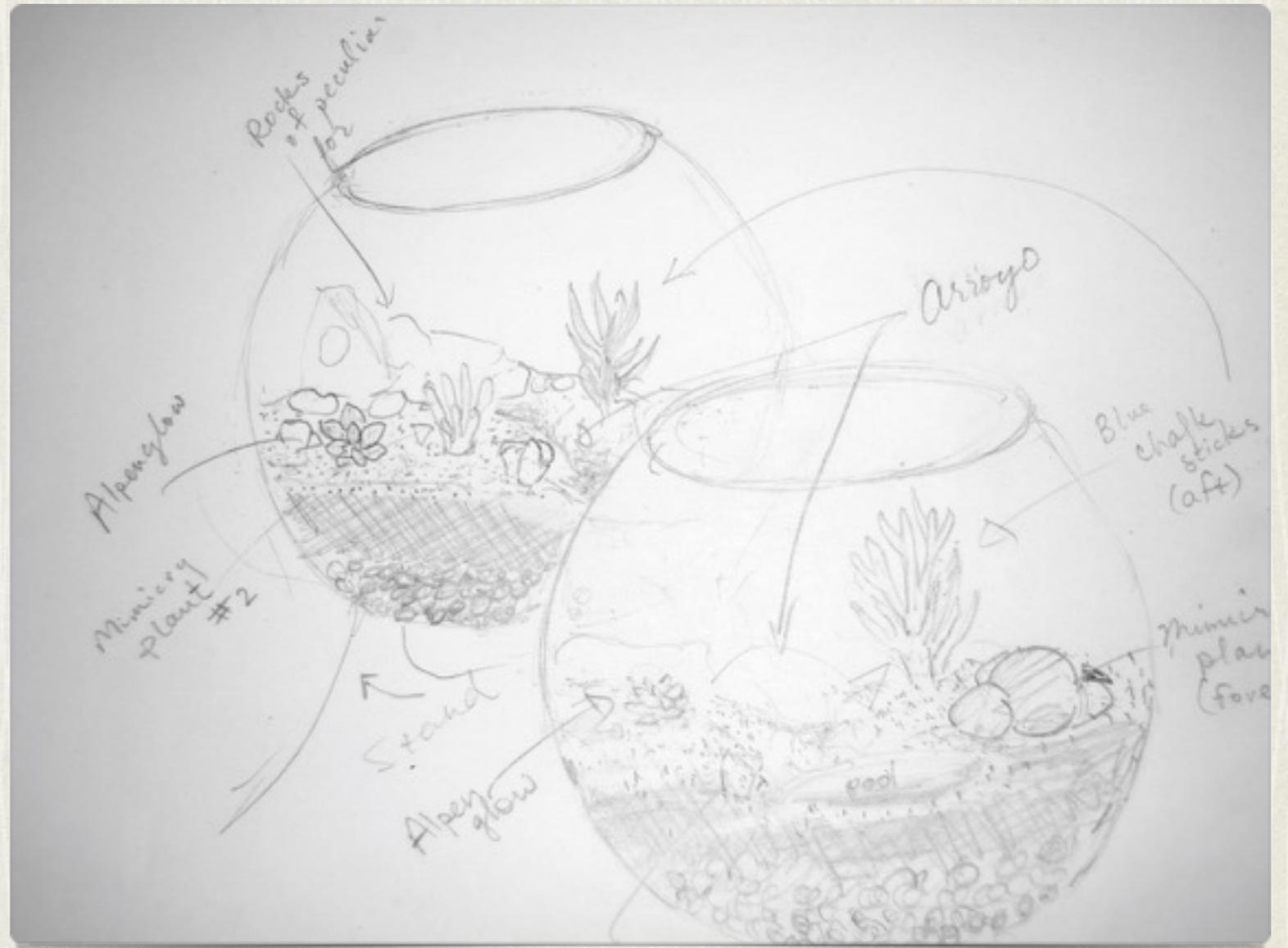


THE POSSIBILITIES

are endless....

My sketch is inspired by Arizona wilderness, where plants and rocks seem to come from outer space.

Your final lay-out may change, but it is important to get an idea.



SKETCH OUT PLAN

This may take some geometry...



USE NATURE TO INSPIRE YOU

Like Arches and Rock Formations



ROCKS OF PECULIAR QUALITIES

Don't forget the terra in terrarium!



For supplies:

- Desert Gardens Nursery in Glendale
- Jackrabbit Nursery in Buckeye
- Moon Valley Nursery by Avondale & Indian School
- Petco (for accents)
- Goodwill
- Habitat Re-Store
- Lowes (better selection than Home Depot)



Step 1: Bottom Layer

- Using rocks and gravel, make a bottom layer for drainage.
- This is where your "ground water" will be.



Step 2: Activated Charcoal

- To purify the water within, use a 1/4 cup of activated carbon.
- Rinse first.
- I mix it in the rock bed and layer it between the rocks and soil.



Layer One Done

- I put in 1-2 in. of rocks for the bottom layer.
- Larger rocks add realism to the terrarium.





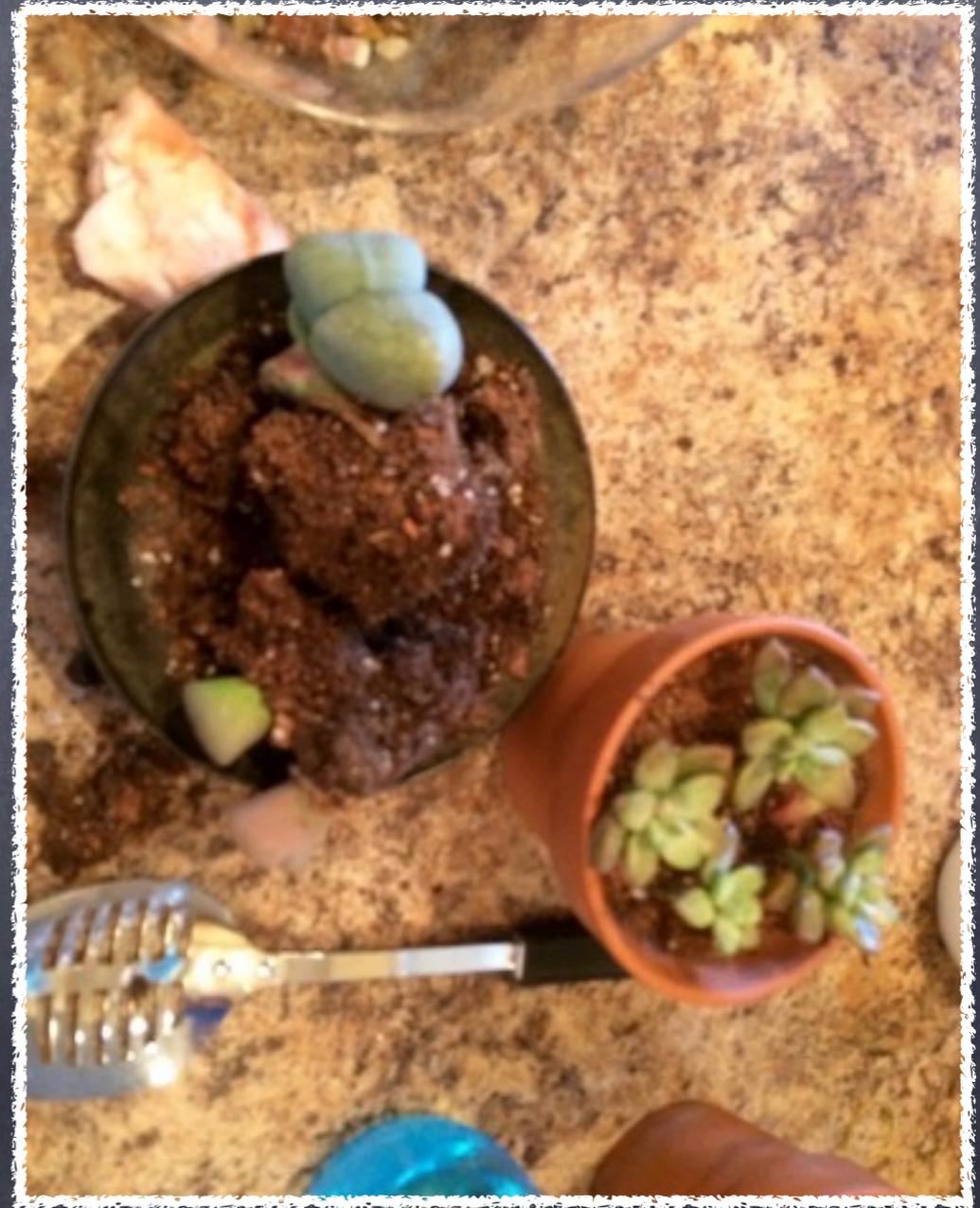
Soil Preparation

This is for succulents,
so I mix in a good
bit of sand and coco
coir to my soil.



Step 3: Plant and Add Soil

- Take your time and use small tools to help you plant.
- Tip: Have a couple pots on hand to hold the plants you do not use up.



All these succulents came from Lowes.



Step 4: Add Top Layer to Terrarium

- The top layer of gravel and stones should help support your new plants.
- A good terrarium has variation in elevation.



Step 5: Tweaking and Grooming

A little sheet moss here and there really ties the terrarium together.



