

MEMORIAL GARDEN

craft activity



what you'll need

- clear glass container with an opening large enough to fit your hand in
- small rocks
- activated charcoal to filter the water and help prevent growth of fungi
- a small amount of potting soil
- various small plants of different shapes colours and textures able to fit in the container
- moss or sand and decorative elements [optional]
- little items to represent your loved one or thing [optional]

Prepare your container ...

Wash your container and allow it to dry completely.

Start with a layer of rocks at the bottom of your container. The rocks will help with drainage, so the roots of your plants won't get water-logged. Add a layer of the charcoal on top of the rocks.

Fill the container halfway with your potting soil.

Create your landscape ...

As you remove each plant from their pot, gently take off some of the old soil from around the roots. Carefully place each plant within the container, leaving some space between them. When all your plants are in the right position, pat down the soil around each plant so they don't become easily uprooted.

Add a thin layer of moss or sand [if you are using these elements].

Add your chosen decorative elements to create your little garden memorial, being careful not to overfill it.

Caring for your garden ...

Water your plants with small amounts of water when they need it, as per their care instructions.

Remember not to overwater your plants and trim them when and where needed.

Keep your memorial garden in indirect light [filtered through something ... not directly on].

Keep your container clean, wiping the glass with a soft cloth if it becomes foggy or dirty.