

# Creating Fairy Gardens

Tiffany Sustar – Buchwalter Greenhouse

## Supplies

- Container (Pots, saucers, birdbaths, old fountains, crates, birdcages...)
- Potting soil (Pro-Mix is my favorite)
- Miniature plants
- Accessories (rocks, sticks, moss, sand, bark, and “the fun stuff!”)

## Planning the Layout

- Research and look at other fairy gardens for ideas
  - o Search “fairy gardens” on your favorite search engine
  - o Pinterest (my favorite place for inspiration)
  - o [www.fairygardening.com](http://www.fairygardening.com) or [www.minature-gardening.com](http://www.minature-gardening.com)
- If you were 2 inches tall...
  - o What would everyday plants look like? Hens & chicks = bushes, Scotch moss = grass...
  - o Where would you like to hide?
  - o What would you like to be doing?
- Mix it up!
  - o Textures
  - o Height
  - o Colors
  - o Shapes
  - o Odd numbers vs. symmetry
- Ideas
  - o House, pond, bridge, river
  - o Garden, patio, lights, campfire
  - o Try a theme – At a fishing hole, the beach, tea party, a gnome’s hideout
- Plants
  - o Succulents
  - o Houseplants
  - o What’s the tag say?
  - o Check out our selection!
- Create!
  - o Moisten the potting soil and fill your container to the top
  - o Lay out your items where you think you would like them to go
  - o Start with the large items (trees, house...)
  - o Plan a path but lay it down last
  - o Take a step back – can you see everything?
- Embrace change
  - o Trim, swap out plants
  - o Decorate with the seasons
  - o Add new accessories
  - o You can always take it apart and start over!