## RHS Back to Nature Activity Card

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Have a go at making a fun miniature garden using natural materials or found objects. You could create a magical fairy hideaway or Jurassic jungle!

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HRH The Duchess of Cambridge and the RHS have created a series of activity cards to inspire families to have fun, play together and engage with nature.

## Plan your miniature garden

Gather your favourite toys and use your imagination to plan your theme.

How about a magical woodland garden for fairies or a dinosaur land? Maybe include some plants that attract friendly pollinators.

## **Equipment needed**

- A shallow container such as a seed tray or dish
- Potting compost, soil or sand and plants or seeds that fit your theme
- Collected natural materials such as moss, pine cones and twigs
- □ Miniature figures or toys fitting your theme
- Modelling clay, lollypop sticks and gravel

## Let's make your garden!

- 1. Fill your container with compost, soil or sand and gently pat down.
- 2. Pop in your plants! Small plug plants or cuttings with roots are perfect and will instantly create a bit of colour. Herbs such as parsley, coriander or rosemary also make great mini trees or shrubs.
- 3. Sow grass seed or cat grass seed directly into the compost to create patches of lawn. Sieve a small layer over the top of the seeds, water well and it should start to grow in a few days.
- **4.** Add in any structures e.g. gravel paths, pebble stepping stones, lollypop stick houses, twig fences, bridges or dens. Bottles and jar lids also make great mini ponds or lakes!
- 5. Add your finishing touches such as clay figures, toys or signs to bring your theme to life. Remember to keep your mini plants watered and keep outside in a warm place or on a bright windowsill.



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