

# Fairy Garden



**The storybook leaps off the page!**

Bring magical fairies and other forest creatures to life in a garden tucked into a hollow book.

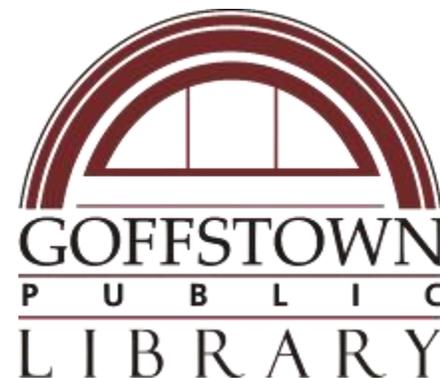
## Supplies:

- Book
- Two (2) succulents
- Soil
- Pea gravel
- Moss
- Mod Podge or other clear glue
- Paint brush
- Various miniature decorations
- Plastic wrap or plastic bag
- Box cutter or other craft knife
- Rubber bands
- Scissors
- Water



## Instructions:

1. Open the book to a natural resting place, about 5-20 pages in. If the book closes by itself at this position, either experiment until you find a page it does open on, or break the spine.
2. Hollow out your book. Using the text block as your guide (**Fig. 1**), cut a rectangle from the pages as in **Fig. 2**. Continue, using your previous cuts as a guide, until you reach the back cover. Note, as you open the book farther, the pages will slide to the left with the spine. To prevent your cuts from slanting, keep the front cover perpendicular to your work surface, especially when cutting the last half of your pages. Use a rubber band to hold the cut pages to the front cover if necessary.
3. Line the hollow with plastic wrap or a cut plastic bag as in **Fig. 3**. To do this, turn several (5-10) hollowed pages to the front cover. Paint the open pages with Mod Podge or glue. Working quickly, tuck plastic wrap into the hollow. Lay the edges of plastic over the glue. Trim the plastic if necessary. Your result will look like **Fig. 4**.
4. Keeping the book open, paint the hollowed pages with Mod Podge or glue as in **Fig. 5**. Let dry, and repeat if necessary. The pages should be sealed together without the ability to open.
5. Add a layer of pea gravel to the hollow. Pea gravel will help drain the soil so roots don't sit in excess water (**Fig. 6**).



5. Add a layer of soil (**Fig. 7**).
6. Remove your succulents from their pots. Gently squeeze the pot to loosen the soil and tip into your hand (**Fig. 8**). Squeeze the root ball gently to break apart the dirt and prepare roots for replanting.
7. Plant the succulents into the soil (**Fig. 9**). Loosely pack the soil around the plants. Water your plants in; however, keep in mind that succulents prefer relatively dry soil.
8. Add moss to cover remaining soil (**Fig. 10**). Not only for decoration, moss prevents water evaporation.
9. Add decorations, including but not limited to gems, pea gravel walk ways, doll house furniture, fairy figurines, miniature animals, and signs (**Fig. 11**).

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



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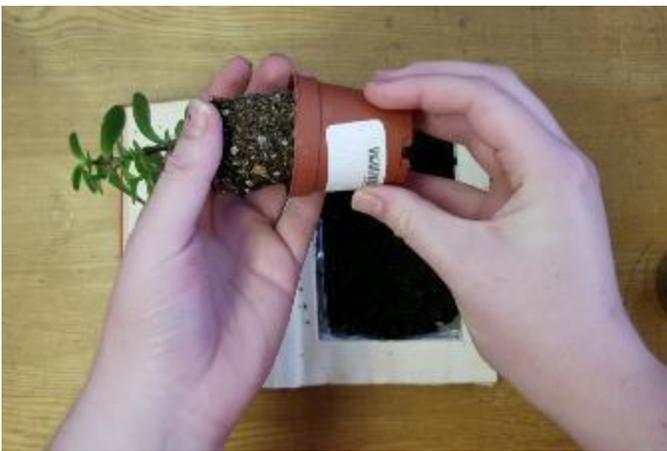


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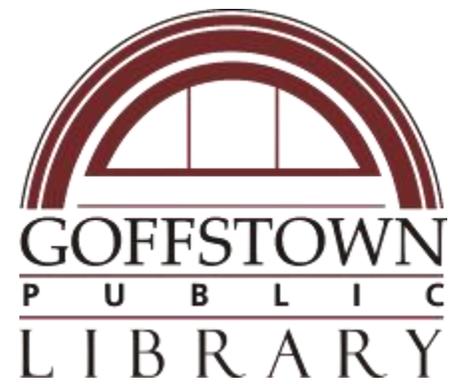
Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



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