

## Make a miniature biodiversity garden

Credit: Tipperary County Council Library Service

A biodiversity garden is great – not just for the nature around us but also for ourselves. Enjoying time in a beautiful garden has a positive effect on our mental wellbeing. Gardening, the act of sowing and planting, caring for plants and watching them grow and thrive is extremely rewarding. So what can you do if you don't have any space for a garden but still want to enjoy gardening? Simple: make a miniature garden! Miniature gardens are big at the moment and they can be as small as you want, as colourful and creative as you like and pretty much the whole design is down to your own imagination.

Try and grow your own plants from seeds – see how to make your own greenhouse from a plastic bottle on [www.livingearth.ie](http://www.livingearth.ie)

Have a look at the guides on wildflowers and more provided by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and available for download on [www.livingearth.ie](http://www.livingearth.ie)

### What you need

A plant pot: you can use a teacup, half a plastic bottle or even some old wellies!

Plants

Mulch

### What to do

Simple: fill your plant pot with mulch, dig a hole large enough to fit the roots of your plants, put them in and fill the hole up with mulch. Water your new garden. Decorate it.

A good idea, in particular for larger pots, is to design your garden in advance. Learn more about designing a garden on [www.livingearth.ie](http://www.livingearth.ie)

Here are some examples of miniature gardens in wellies created by the team at Carrick-on-Suir Library and one of ours in an old glass vessel:



*Miniature gardens in wellies (created by Carrick-on-Suir Library) and in an old glass vessel.*