

DINOSAUR GARDEN



Create your very own mini Jurassic Park with this easy-to-make potted dinosaur garden.

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You will need

- Clean terracotta pot (a wide and shallow one is best)
- Dinosaur models
- Gravel (smaller stones are best)
- Paintbrush
- Potting mix
- Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer
- Resene testpot of Resene Dizzy Lizzy
- Selection of small succulent plants (available at most garden centres)
- Small trowel



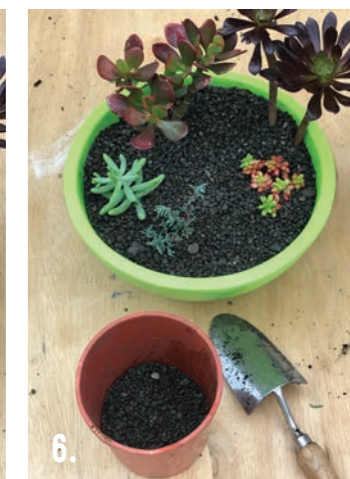
Top tip

Rejuvenate old dinosaur toys that have faded with Resene testpots to help them keep looking good in the harsh sunlight

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STEP ONE

Ask an adult to help you apply one coat of Resene Aquapel & Terracotta Sealer to the inside and outside of the terracotta pot and allow the sealer to dry.

STEP TWO

Paint the outside of the pot and the top rim using a testpot of Resene Dizzy Lizzy. Also paint a band about 5cm or so deep on the inside of the pot below the rim (as shown in the photo). Allow the paint to dry.

STEP THREE

Apply a second coat of Resene Dizzy Lizzy to the pot and allow the paint to dry.

STEP FOUR

Using a small trowel, carefully put some potting mix into the pot to about 5cm below the rim – you might need an adult to help you with this step.

STEP FIVE

Carefully plant your small succulent plants into the

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR DINOSAUR GARDEN

Succulent plants prefer a spot in the sunshine and may want a little water from time to time during the hot summer months – though they are pretty good at coping with dry conditions. Your dinosaurs, on the other hand, should be able to look after themselves.

potting mix – again, you might want an adult to help you here.

STEP SIX

Carefully put a 2cm layer of gravel on top of the potting mix (as shown in the photo), taking care not to disturb the plants.

STEP SEVEN

Position your dinosaurs on top of the gravel to create your own Jurassic Park.