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1. Find a clean dinner or side plate (you could also use a paper or tin plate) and level it off with soil or compost. You may want to cover you plate with tin foil for protection. This is also useful if you want to create a pond or stream in your garden. Moss is also a great natural resource to use as an alternative to soil.



2. Next, create 'pathways' using gravel from outdoors, rice or lentils from your cupboard. This part allows you to get really creative, so feel free to play around with a variety of textures and materials. Why not use aluminium foil to make a mini lake or pond? It will certainly give it a more realistic feel.

3. Once you've created your path, it's time to make the garden area. If you have an outdoor space, cut flower heads and green leaves from trees. Alternatively, leaves from houseplants work just as well. Keep a lookout for eye-catching features; these will enhance your miniature garden.

4. Play around with creating hedges, creating lawn areas and colourful borders, too. If you have any small plastic figurines — such as animals or people — add them into your garden to create a more realistic feel.

