

# Williamsburg®

## DECORATING TIPS

### HOW TO PLANT A DISH GARDEN

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*Supplies and materials needed:* A variety of plant materials, a low container, nylon window screening or gravel, charcoal, potting soil, and sheet or Spanish moss (optional).

Select plants that require the same amount of light, moisture, and temperature range, and are compatible in size with the container you are using. Plants should have a variety of color and texture and can be all blooming, all nonblooming, or a combination of both. Potted blooming

plants can be added. All potted plants should be turned occasionally. If you use a flowering potted plant, you can remove it and replace it with another plant after it finishes blooming.



Find a container that has enough room and proper drainage for the plants you have chosen. Place a piece of nylon screening over the drainage holes. If you are using a container without drainage holes, put 1 or 2 inches of gravel in the bottom to supply drainage, and add a thin layer of charcoal, such as the type available at a tropical fish store. Place soil on top of the screening or gravel and charcoal layers, if used, and then add plant materials such as potted miniature roses, begonias, and ivy used here. Once the garden is planted, cover the surface with moss. If you use plants with thick foliage, this covering will not be necessary. You can fill your container with plants dug from your garden or potted materials from a nursery.

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