

HOW TO MAKE AN EASTER GARDEN

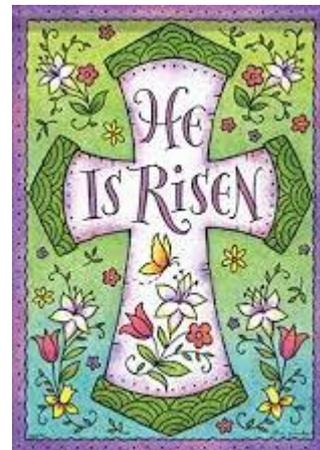
1. FILL A SHALLOW TRAY WITH POTTING SOIL.

The larger trays used to catch water from potted plants work well for this.

2. For the Grave:

-a plastic cup or can, put on its side and piled on top with soil, forms a grave. If the soil won't stay where you want it, moisten with some water so it clumps together.

-a small flowerpot pot that looks like stone, turn it on its side so the hole for the plant becomes the entrance to the grave.



3. GRAVE STONE OPTIONS:

-Find a round stone big enough to cover the mouth of the grave when you are out on a walk, or

-make one out of a modelling clay

2. CROSSES: Find some twigs or long sticks and make three crosses.

It is probably easiest to fasten on the cross pieces by tying it on with thread or twine. Then poke the crosses into a "hill" in the background. Just be sure to make the vertical sticks quite a bit longer than typical crosses because the bottom 3 inches or so of the stick has to be poked into the soil to make it stand up.



3. STONE PATH: Make a path of stones leading to the mouth of the grave.

4. FLOWERS AND "TREE" OPTIONS:



-small potted flowers and plants that look like trees

-cut flowers from your garden if you can, and put them in a small glass jar embedded in the soil

KEEP THE ENTRANCE OF THE TOMB COVERED WITH THE STONE UNTIL EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, Read the Gospel for Easter Sunday with your children (John 20:1-9) THEN ROLL THE STONE AWAY.



You could then place a sign in the Easter Garden that reads 'He is Risen! And put a strip of white cloth or tissue around the crossbeam of the central cross to symbolise Jesus' resurrection.