

DIY Topiaries:

A COMPLETE BEGINNER'S GUIDE

Are you looking to add a touch of elegance and charm to your home, garden or greenhouse? Topiaries are a perfect way to do just that! Whether you want to create a whimsical garden or a sophisticated indoor arrangement, this complete beginner's guide will walk you through the steps to make stunning DIY topiaries at a fraction of the cost.

WHAT ARE TOPIARIES?

A topiary is a plant that has been sculpted into a specific shape or form through careful pruning and training. Through this practice, you can transform ordinary shrubs and trees into intricate sculptures that add a touch of whimsy and elegance to your greenhouse!

Materials You'll Need

Plants: Choose a suitable plant for your topiary. For beginners, consider using small boxwood or rosemary plants.

Planters: Select a decorative pot that complements your topiary design. I love the classic look of old terracotta charm, so my topiaries reside in various sizes and shapes of terracotta. And this look works well in any space as it's so timeless.

Potting Soil: Ensure you have quality potting soil to support your plants. I use a general potting soil mix.

Scissors or Pruning Shears: Sharp tools are essential for trimming and shaping your plants.

Moss or Decorative Stones: For finishing touches, consider adding moss or decorative stones to the top of the planter.



Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1: Choose Your Design

Start by deciding on the shape you want for your topiary. Common designs for beginners include balls, spirals, or even double balls.

Step 2: Planting

Fill your pot with potting soil, leaving enough space at the top for your plant. This is important because if you fill it with too much soil, your water will continuously run over, creating a mess. Gently remove the plant from its container and place it in the pot, ensuring that the roots are well spread out. If the roots are bound, loosen for easier adjustment and growth.

Pro-Tip: When filling your pot with soil, leave at least one inch from the top rim.

Step 3: Shaping the Topiary

Begin shaping your topiary by carefully trimming the plant. We recommend starting with simple shapes, focusing on the outer edges and working your way inward. Remember to keep your cuts angled to promote a bushy appearance. It's always best to take your time and step back occasionally to assess your progress. If you take off too much, no worries, it will grow back in no time!

Pro-Tip: Less is more! You can always come back a few hours, days or weeks later to continue shaping.

Step 4: Maintenance

To keep your topiary looking its best, regularly water it and provide adequate sunlight. You'll want to prune your topiary every few weeks to maintain its shape and encourage fuller growth.

Pro-Tip: Use a gentle fertilizer every few months to help your plant thrive.

Step 5: Add Finishing Touches

Once your topiary is shaped to your liking, add decorative elements like moss or stones around the base to give it a polished look. You can also incorporate ribbons or fairy lights for a whimsical touch.





Tips for Success



Be Patient



Experiment With Different Plants or Shapes



Research Plant Care Requirements

Creating your own DIY topiary can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. With just a few materials and a little creativity, you can craft stunning pieces that enhance your indoor or outdoor spaces. So, gather your supplies, unleash your inner artist, and watch your topiary transform into a beautiful focal point in your home or garden.

Happy DIY-ing!

