

MAKE AN EASTER GARDEN

It is a long-standing tradition among Christians to prepare an Easter garden in Holy Week, to remember the garden tomb which the women visited early on Easter Sunday morning.

You need:

- ◇ A shallow tray or dish
- ◇ Garden soil or potting compost
- ◇ Moss, cut grass or sand
- ◇ Dried twigs
- ◇ Sewing thread
- ◇ Small pot
- ◇ Flat stone large enough to cover the mouth of the pot
- ◇ Egg cups
- ◇ Small flowers
- ◇ Gravel

To make:

- 1 Fill the tray with soil or potting compost.
- 2 Arrange it to make a hill on one side of the tray.
- 3 Cover the soil with moss, grass or sand.
- 4 Make three crosses with dried twigs tied together with sewing thread and place on the hilltop.
- 5 Press the small pot into the 'hillside' to make a cave like the garden tomb. Place the stone over the mouth of the tomb.
- 6 Press egg-cups full of water into the soil around the 'garden' and fill them with flowers.
- 7 Make a path coming from the tomb with gravel, to show how the disciples ran to the tomb on Easter morning.
- 8 Early on Easter morning, move back the stone from the tomb—showing that it is empty.

