

What do I need?

Plant pot saucer

Ceramic plant pot

Potting compost

Spray bottle filled with water

Variety of natural materials,
such as moss, flowers,
twigs, pebbles, cress seeds



Easter miniature garden

What do I do?

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Place your ceramic pot on its side near the back of the saucer. This will represent Jesus' tomb.

Scatter handfuls of compost over and around your pot. Lightly press the compost with your hands to secure it so that you have a layer about 2-3cm deep.

If you are using cress seeds, scatter a small handful of these evenly over the compost covering your pot, then sprinkle a little compost over the top to lightly cover the seeds.

Now that you have your tomb in place, you can add other natural materials to decorate your garden. Here are some ideas you could try:

- Place decorative moss around the cave and add small pebble to make a path leading to the entrance;
- Tie two twigs together with twine to make a cross;
- Use a large pebble as the stone covering the entrance to the tomb;
- Plant small flowers in the compost to add colour.

Once you've finished, use your spray bottle to water your garden, focussing on the areas where there are seeds and plants.



The Easter Story

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar, as it remembers Jesus rising from the dead after his crucifixion. For Christians, Easter is a celebration of new life and birth, with eggs and newborn animals the focus of many Easter displays.

Easter falls on a different date each year depending on the cycle of the moon. The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week, with the most important days being Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter - or Easter Sunday - itself.

Palm Sunday takes place on the last Sunday before Easter. It's a day when Christians celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem on a donkey. People traditionally create small crosses from palm leaves to represent the palm leaves thrown on the ground before Jesus as he arrived into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday is the day when Christians commemorate the Last Supper when Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples. This is symbolised by the Eucharist, or Holy Communion - a church service where bread is eaten as a symbol of Christ body and wine drunk in remembrance of his blood.

On Good Friday the Church holds a day of mourning in remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross, known as the crucifixion. After his death, Jesus' body was buried in a tomb and a stone placed across the entrance.

Easter Sunday is a day when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. In the Easter story, Jesus' disciples visited his tomb to find the stone moved and the tomb empty. Later, they witnessed that Jesus was alive and proclaimed that he had been risen from the dead by God.

