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'bottle gardening.'

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be used for bottle gardening. OREST NOW... 4 GREAT HOME CENTERS IN MICHIGAN Westland LivoniaSouthgate

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Long tweezers can be used to insert plants into them. In fact, we have fashioned a looped "plant placer" out of a wire coat hanger. It lets plants down into narrow mouthed jugs with no problem at all.

Don't throw away any kind of glass containers. Even the

narrow mouth containers can

Plant materials can be found in meadows, swamps or weeds now or in early winter. It's an easy way to bring the outdoors indoors.

Sprinkle some woods' soil in the bottom of the contain-er and add a few bits of charcoal to keep the soil

You can add any kind of plant available, such as tiny evergreen seedlings, odd bits of bark, lichens, sticks, small flowering plants, mosses, and tiny moss-coated pieces of wood.

Small evergreen seedlings can be dug up in the swamps or woods, and planted in leaf mold, where they'll stay alive all winter inside the container. Then they can be planted outdoors in spring.

When it comes to watering, go easy. Terrariums and bottle gardens need amounts of water, and if you apply too much the plants rot. Remember, the moisture inside the glass recycles itself over and over, losing very little. You may have to water once a month, or even less.

GREEN THUMB CLINIC: "We have a Zebra plant whose leaves are getting dry around the edges. Please tell us what care it needs."

Answer: Aphelandra or Zebra plant likes a rather moist (not soggy) soil. Set pot in a tray of pebbles and add water to the pebbles. It likes a loose soil. Avoid hot sun, but keep in a bright window. It prefers average room temperature, around 72 degrees F. or so.



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