

# Make your own Aquatic Garden Vase

## Supplies Needed:

- 10 ¾ in vase (as in photo)
- 4 in plastic saucer
- Package of decorative rocks or colored stones
- Male Beta fish
- 6 in water-loving plant (Anthurium shown in picture)
  - Anthurium
  - Spathiphyllum (peace lily)
  - Syngonium
- 1 gallon spring water
- 1 yard of decorative ribbon

## How to do it:

1. First, rinse off the vase and decorative rocks in sink and set aside.
2. Remove the plant from its pot and thoroughly rinse all soil from the roots. This may require several soakings. Trim roots if needed and set aside.
3. Using scissors, cut about a 2 in hole in the bottom of the plastic saucer. Gently work the roots through the hole of the plastic saucer and set aside.
4. Place a 2 in layer of decorative rocks in the bottom of the vase
5. Fill vase with spring water to approximately 1 in below the neck of the vase. This leaves air space so the fish can breathe.
6. Gently add Beta fish to the vase of water.
7. Take plastic saucer containing the plant and begin working the roots into the vase. Once the roots are in the water, rest the plastic saucer securely into the opening of the vase. Fill plastic saucer with remaining decorative rocks.
8. Add decorative ribbon for a finishing touch and create an eye-catching accent. Perfect for gift-giving or just for you!

## How to Care for Me:

This container is designed to be almost self-contained. Your plant will need about 8-10 hours of indirect light. The beta fish will need to be fed about three times per week with three or four freeze-dried bloodworms each feeding. This food is preferred over other varieties because it is eaten readily with little waste. If the water becomes cloudy, wipe out the vase and change the water with fresh spring water. There is no need to fertilize the plant as it gets its nutrients from the fish waste.

Never fill the vase completely to the top surface. **As a Labyrinth fish, the Beta must come to the surface to breathe.** Leave some space between the surface of the water and the saucer that holds the plant.

If the plant's roots grow too fast, trim them back an inch or two to allow swimming space for your fish. Enjoy!