

Georgetown's Miracle Mart opens



Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy cut the ribbon with the assistance of manager Bob Dudgeon and media personality Fred Davis to open the new Miracle Mart store in Georgetown last Wednesday morning.

The opening actually started the night before with the presentation of the Sports Builder Award, co-sponsored by Miracle Mart and The Herald, to Gerry Perkins. Following the presentation, guests were given a tour of the new store.

Mr. Dudgeon will be assisted in the store by John Hannon, assistant manager, Steve Terry, grocery manager, Bruce Castator, meat manager, and Joe Chirco, produce manager.

The store has a selling area of 24,000 square feet, with wide aisles to make for easier access, particularly for the handicapped. The store also has a public washroom for the use of the customers.

The meat department includes a large delicatessen area, and a cheese counter with an assortment of imported and domestic cheeses. The "Tudor Bakery" located in the store, will supply customers with fresh baked goods, baked fresh each day.

The store will open Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy cut the ribbon to officially open the new Miracle Food Mart store in Georgetown last Wednesday. Assisting the mayor were store manager Bob Dudgeon, the store's first customer, Ivy Porter, and Fred Davis. (Herald photo)

CVCA committee to discuss tenders

A technical sub-committee of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) will be meeting some time in the next week to discuss four bids for work on the Glen Williams and paper mill dam project.

Four companies have submitted bids on the project, with the bids varying from \$16,000 to \$142,000. Water management committee chairman Ken Williams suggested with such a spread in the bids, the authority should have each of the bidders appear before the sub-committee to explain exactly what work was included in their proposal.

Basil Noels, CVCA engineer said the staff had reviewed the proposals, but had not completed a break-down analysis of them yet. General manager Glenn Schnarr said the authority had forwarded an option to purchase to Deltacraft for some of the property beside the dam, where the spillway will be built.

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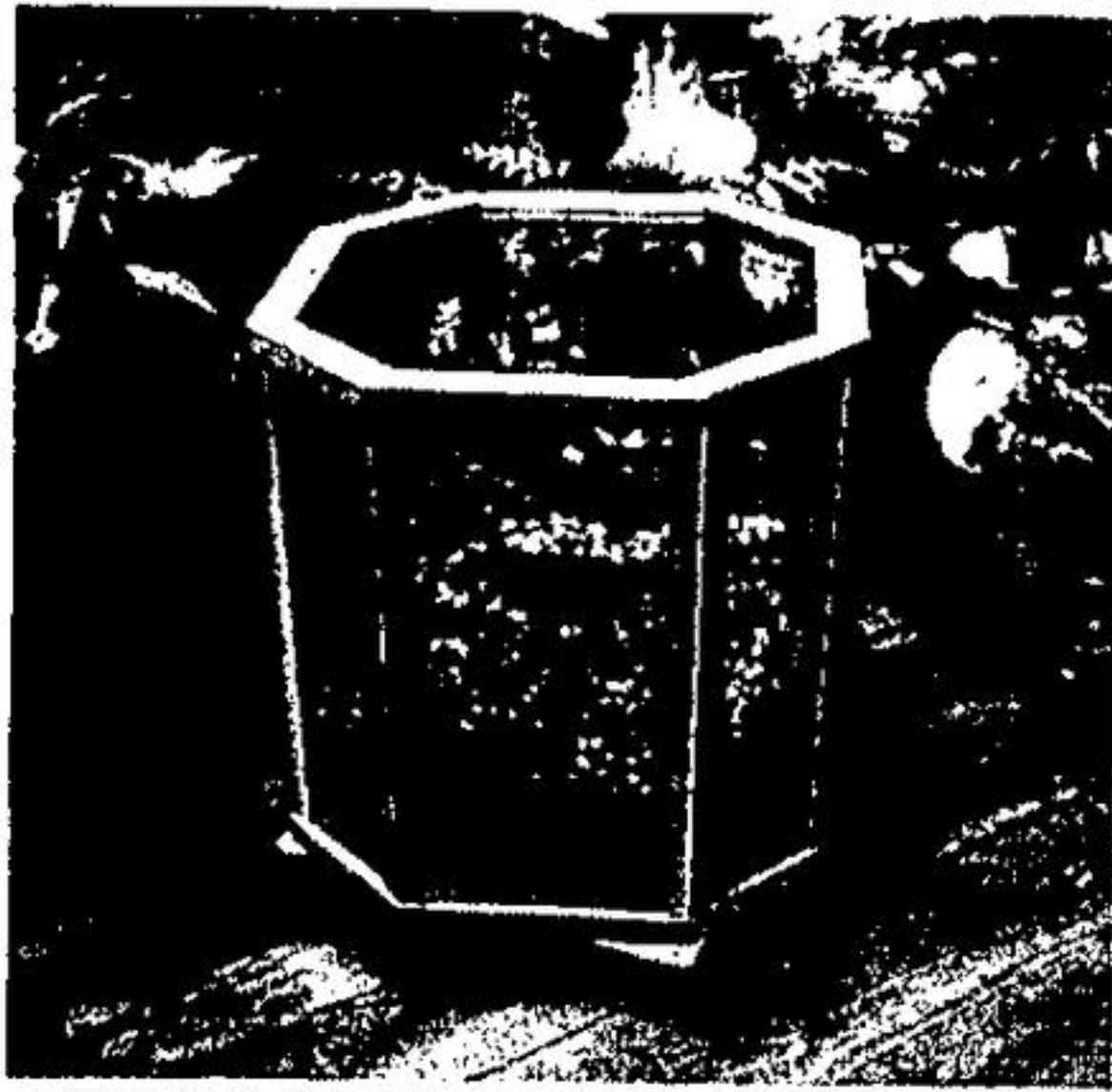
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Make terrarium out of almost anything

"Terrarium, or not terrarium," that is the question. The answer is that a terrarium can be planted in almost anything you want, like a French storage jar, a Victorian conservatory, or the redwood octagon pictured.



OCTAGONAL TERRARIUM of redwood and glass makes a dandy showcase for plants. Pictured around it are other "recycled" containers. With terrariums, anything goes!

Easy to make
Terrariums are especially rewarding, explains the Ortho book "House Plants Indoors/Outdoors," because they're so easy to create and make exquisite personal displays anywhere in your home. All you need to know are a few basics.

First, you need a suitable container. Let your imagination run wild and find something really unique. Since most containers which are unique and decorative don't have drainage holes, you'll have to provide the drainage yourself, which is also quite simple to do.

Drainage
Line the bottom of the container with a half-inch of charcoal chips — which can be found wherever plant supplies are sold. Next, add a minimum of one inch of planting soil. It's easiest to use a commercially prepared medium labeled "for terrarium plantings," though any good soil will do. Soilless mixtures are also fine for miniature landscapes.

Depending on the depth of your container, you can add more than an inch if you want, but that's the minimum.

Mini-hills
There are a number of ways you can arrange the soil for decorative purposes as well; you can leave the landscape flat, or, for something more daring, you might create hills and rolling mountains by shaping the earth with your hands.

Planting
When arranging the plants, keep the taller ones in the back if the terrarium is to be viewed from the front. If your miniature landscape is to be seen from all sides, the taller plants should go in the middle.

It's also a good idea to plan your arrangement in advance because too much moving around can tear the roots. Also keep in mind that you shouldn't place the plants too close together because the roots must have room to grow.

The best plants for a miniature enclosure are those that naturally grow and stay small. Next best are varieties that grow slowly, although they will eventually outgrow a miniature landscape. However, that may be an advantage, since you can constantly change your mini-scene, so it never gets boring to you.

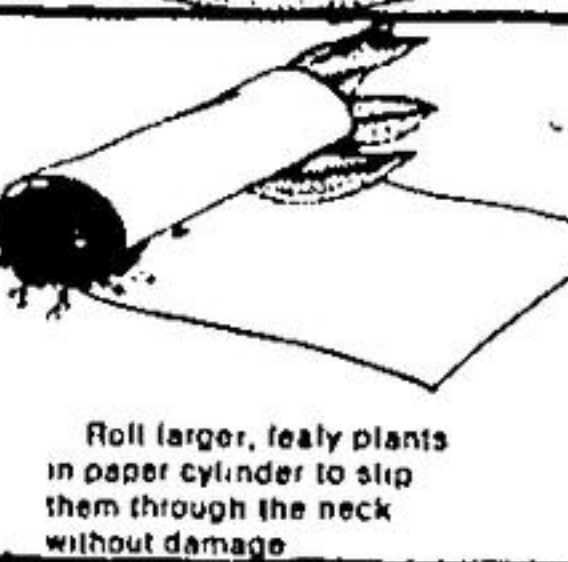
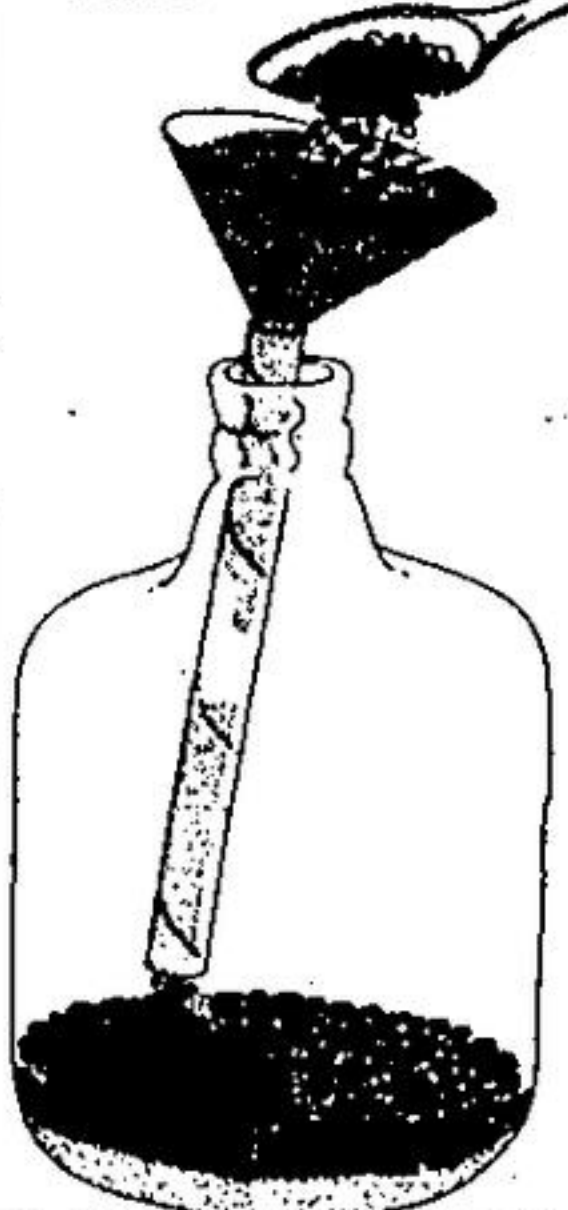
For specific plants which will suit your needs, check with your local garden shop, or a good book on the subject, like Ortho's "House Plants Indoors/Outdoors."

Final touches
After your plants are all in place, gently pack down the soil and water the container well. You may wish to add little touches to make your mini-environment more realistic. For example, if a woodland scene is your theme, put in some small pieces of decayed wood to resemble logs. You can also add a little pond or stream.

How to plant a bottle garden

from the Ortho book, "House Plants Indoors/Outdoors."

Add 1 inch layers of sand and charcoal chips — then a few inches of potting soil using a funnel and paper tube extension to help keep dust down and off sides of bottle.



Roll larger, fealy plants in paper cylinder to slip them through the neck without damage.



STORAGE JAR from the kitchen converts to a house for small plants. The Ortho book, "House Plants Indoors/Outdoors," explains how to make a terrarium.



A spoon taped to a stick is great for digging planting holes, positioning plants, covering roots, and shaping the terrain.



A spoon on a stick can be used to tamp and firm soil.

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