

# Christmas Terrarium

Learn how to easily make a Christmas terrarium to display on your mantle, as a centerpiece for your holiday table, or give as a gift!

Prep Time	Crafting Time	Total Time
5 mins	30 mins	35 mins



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## Supplies

- Large cylinder glass vase 8" high x 8" wide - [similar to this one](#)
- Empty plastic container that fits inside the cylinder vase approx. 2" high and 6" wide (to act as the riser for the terrarium)
- 2 cups artificial snow or as needed
- Green bottle brush Christmas trees in a variety of sizes ranging from 3 ½" to 6 ½" tall
- Red truck ornament 3" long ([we used an Ashland one from Michaels](#))
- 2 popsicle craft sticks
- 1 wooden skewer
- Acrylic paint in white and brown
- Burlap approx. 2"x2"

## Craft tools

- Paint brushes, fine tip
- Black permanent marker (medium tip)
- Hot glue gun and clear glue sticks
- Gardening shears and wire cutter (optional)

## Instructions

### Preparing the North Pole Sign

1. Paint the surface of the popsicle sticks in white acrylic paint and leave them to dry fully. Paint the surface of the wooden skewer in brown acrylic paint.
2. Once dry, cut the popsicle sticks to 2" long, with one end cut on diagonal.
3. Place them on a flat surface side by side and using a black marker, print the words "NORTH POLE" on to the painted sticks.
4. Turn them with the wrong side up and using a hot glue gun, glue the painted wooden skewer perpendicular to the craft sticks forming a miniature sign.

## Preparing the Red Truck

1. If you're using a red truck ornament, remove the ornament cap from the top. Additionally, if your red truck has other embellishments that don't suit the terrarium, carefully remove them and put them aside. In our case, we removed mini Christmas trees using a pair of wire cutters.
2. Next, fold a small piece of burlap and glue it to the back of the red truck and then glue a medium sized bottle brush tree to the back of the red truck.

## Assembling the Terrarium

1. Apply a dab of glue to the rim of the plastic container and press the container with the rim side down into the center of the vase. This container will be used to glue all the accessories on to.
2. Place the red truck inside the vase and leave it to rest on top of the plastic riser, do not glue the truck.
3. Starting with the largest bottle brush tree, add glue to the bottom and press it in place inside the vase on top of the plastic container.
4. Add the rest of the bottle brush trees with the largest trees at the far back.
5. Remove the red truck.
6. Next, glue the bottom of the North Pole sign and stick it in place in front of the bottle brush trees. Hold it in place until the glue sets and the sign stays upright.
7. Add the artificial snow into the vase covering the plastic container completely. Use your fingers to move the snow around if needed so that the gap between the container and the vase is filled.
8. Place the red truck back inside the vase to rest on top of the snow. Add twinkle lights if desired.

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