

Foraging World - How to Make a Foraging Arena for your Ant Farm

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Today I am making a tutorial on how you can make your own foraging area. Here's what you need:

1. First, acquire a plastic or glass tank with a tubing hole drilled into the glass/plastic.
2. Find your décor, which normally consists of plastic plants (From pet store) and real rocks. You could even have a feeding tray (I have never tried this but I have no doubt it will work).
3. Acquire some Plaster of Paris.
4. Some nice sand with large or small granules.

Okay, now that we have our required materials, here's the actual tutorial:

1. First, make sure all of the materials are ready and clean.
2. Have your décor and sand ready. Mix the plaster. Once ready, carefully pour into your container. Make a layer that is at least 1 cm, better if it is around 1.5 if your décor is large. You can place something under on side of the tank/box to create a slope. This will create a more realistic world for them to navigate. It is not needed at all though.
3. Let sit for 15 seconds, then using a sifter evenly distribute the sand across the top of the plaster.

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4. Add your décor by placing the bases of them into plaster. Re-sift sand over areas that are disturbed. If using plastic plants for aquariums, they will most likely have a small base made to make them stand in aquariums. This is perfect for the plaster. Note: Do try not to get plaster on the décor.
5. Let dry.
6. You can always add Vaseline or PTFE on the inside of the foraging box, near the lid, as an extra precaution to prevent ants from escaping. Bear in mind though that the Vaseline/PTFE will need regularly replacing.

Your Foraging World is complete!!! I hope your ants enjoy it as much as mine do!



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