



Alaska
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Line Drawing, Rock Garden- Instructions

Use the following instructions and accompanying handout *Rock Garden Images*, with photos and step-by-step drawings, to draw a miniature hypertufa Rock Garden. You can also visit the ABG's Instagram on Wednesday to watch a short video clip of how to draw a miniature rock garden. In addition, there is a handout with images and instructions of how to draw a *Lady Slipper Orchid*. These drawings were inspired by the plants and hypertufa troughs at the Alaska Botanical Garden, Rock Garden.

1. Draw three sides of a square or rectangle. Leave the top open so you will have room to draw the plants.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the left side of the bottom corner of the three-sided square. Now draw a vertical line from the back of your diagonal line. This will create the illusion of a cube for your tufa or hypertufa container. Again, leave the top open so you have room to draw in all the plants. If you draw the plants before you draw the top it will look like they are spilling over the edges.
3. Now draw your plants. You can draw the letters c, u, and v to make a variety of leaf shapes. You can overlap these to make your plants. Try making them different sizes, lengths, thicknesses and shapes to create diversity within your planter. You can use the photos on the attachment *Rock Garden Images* to see some examples of rock garden plants.
4. Once you have drawn all your plants you can complete the top edges of the planter. Use a curved diagonal line to connect the front edge of the square to the back.
5. Use dots to create the dirt. You can also use small ovals and angled shapes to create rocks in your planter. Add some dots to the outside of the planter to make it look like it is made of rock. This technique is called stipple. It is a great way to add texture to a drawing. Use diagonal lines to create distress marks in the rock, and to also create texture. You can overlap the diagonals in different directions to create a cross-hatching pattern to add visual interest.