

## Kokodama Tutorials & Instructions

Kokodama balls can be any size. I used 2" plants, but a 4" plant can also be used, your ball will just get larger - which is fine!

Pour your soil into a bowl to prepare to make your ball. Use a mix of ½ potting soil with peat moss with 1/2 succulent or Bonsai soil mix. Add enough water to form a mud ball that will hold its shape, if you have too much water, squeeze tight to wring out. After getting it firm & in a ball shape, take hold of both sides & twist ball, *it should* break in half, if not add more water & squeeze together again. (some like to just make a hole in top of ball to insert root of plant) set ball halves down while you get plant ready.

Have your choice of plant & get as much of the soil off of it, so you have a bit of soil mixed with the roots. Lay it into middle of your ball & press both sides together to form ball, but with plant in it now. Spray with water as needed to hold form.

Now time to wrap with the sheet moss ~( It should be wet also, so let it soak while making ball.) I ordered mine from Amazon (16 oz - . \$18.) Garden supply or Michaels will have it also. You can gather & use some from outside in your yard also, but I found it didn't stay green very long & was very bulky = big ball. (which some people prefer) Wring out extra water & wrap moss, try to get it to form neatly & entirely around ball. Cut as needed to make right size. Fill in as needed in empty places with more moss.

Once you have it covered with moss, time to wrap with twine or I used 15# fishing line (the fish line disappears) but garden twine in any color works too. Just wrap around & around, up & down to secure moss in place. Tie in knot when you think you have enough on to secure it.

Place on a dish, make a string hanger, or set on your table. **Water 1x a week** by submerging in a bowl of water. Succulents only need watering every 2+ weeks. I found that succulents or ivy type of plants worked best for our area. ☺ Ferns were tricky to keep alive.

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