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NEXT MEETING

Sunday, September 28 2-4 P.M.

Zilker Botanical Garden Center

2220 Barton Springs Road

Austin, TX 78746

Program: Kokedama

Photos by Ken Fuchs taken at
the December 5, 2021 AABS
meeting.



KOKEDAMA



Kokedama is the Japanese art of growing plants in a moss-covered ball of soil wrapped with string or mono-filament fishing line.

Choose plants with small root systems or slow growing. Also, think of where your kokedama will sit or hang.

To make a 4 inch ball, measure 2 cups of potting soil in a bowl or bucket.

Slowly add water to the potting soil until it just holds together when pressed firmly; more water can be added later if necessary.



Press the soil mixture into a ball, firmly packing so it stays together. If you toss it into the air a few times, it should hold together.

Remove the plant from its pot and gently shake off as much soil as you can.

Split the ball in half and lay the plant's roots in the center. Then, gently pack the ball of soil around the plant.



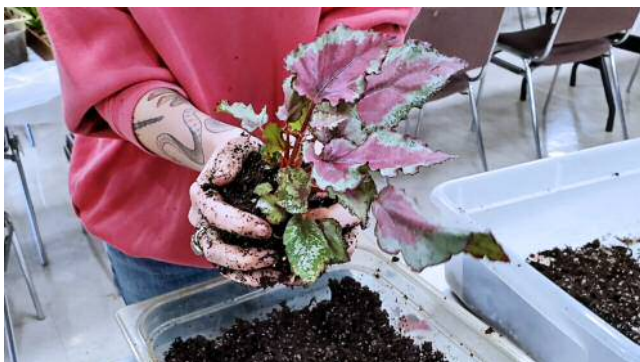
Dampen the sphagnum moss in warm water to make it pliable so you can wrap it around the soil ball. Lay the sheet moss face down, set the soil ball in the center and gather the moss around the soil and up to the plant.



The moss ball is now ready to be tied to keep it all together.



Secure the moss with string or mono-filament fishing line. Begin by holding the ball in one hand and with the other hand start wrapping the ball leaving a



long tail at the bottom to use to tie off when done wrapping. Wrap in all directions.



If you want to hang your kokedama, start wrapping the ball at the top, still leaving a long tail, and tying the ends to hang. If you don't want to hang your Kokedama, you can place it in a shallow dish for display.





Bring your own plant/s or you can purchase from Doug. Please limit your plants to two. He will have staghorn ferns for \$10, misc other ferns and bromeliads for \$7. The club is purchasing the supplies and a \$5 donation will be appreciated.

We hope to see you there.

AUGUST 24 , 2025 AABS MEETING

Photos by Jim Landers

