

Create living sculptures with Kokedama

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Gaye Thompson of Martinez.

Photo Kara Navolio

The whole process takes less than one hour. Some attendees learned how to tie on a second string to be used for hanging the Kokedama, while others elected to place them in bowls or other ornamental vessels. "They make beautiful centerpieces when placed in a decorative bowl," noted Ferry.

The best plants to use for Kokedama are spider plant, ivy, begonias, succulents, orchids and ferns. However, it can be done with outdoor plants as well, including dwarf lemon trees or dwarf Japanese maples. Just keep in mind that the moss does not like direct sunlight, so plants should be OK with indirect sunlight.

To care for the Kokedama you submerge the moss ball in water for 5-10 minutes. Then it must be moved to a place where it can drip for a while. Most plants require this watering once per week. Once the dripping has ceased, it can be placed in its container or rehung.

Some people like to add twigs and other elements from nature or hang their Kokedama at an angle to add more artistic expression. Hanging multiple Kokedama at different lengths creates an appealing art wall. ... continued on page D8



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