

# MAKE YOUR OWN GARDEN POND

Water brings a magical quality to your garden, and is the key to life for so many creatures.



## What you will need:

- An old bucket or sink bowl (make sure it doesn't have any holes in)
- A small spade
- A space in your garden
- Some rocks and small stones or gravel

## These extras are great if you can find them:

- Pinecones
- Moss



## Instructions:

- Find a bit of the garden where you want to make your pond and have enough space.
- Start by digging a hole the size of the bucket or bowl that you have. Make sure its deep enough and level, you want the top of your bucket/ bowl to just be on top of the ground and is not wonky.
- Put your bucket/bowl inside the hole and flatten the soil around the edges of the bowl.
- Put some of your small and large rocks in the bottom of the bucket/bowl to line it.
- Fill your bucket/bowl with water with rainwater.
- Place some big rocks inside and around the edge of you bucket/ bowl these will help animals like hedgehogs to climb out if they accidently fall in. If you can find some pinecones, sticks and moss, add them around the side of your bucket/bowl, they will act as cover for insects and small animals that visit.
- Now just wait and see what wildlife you can spot visiting or making a home there!

**TOP TIP:** To save water tap and make it a better environment for wildlife - instead of using tap water, collect rainwater and use that to fill your pond instead.

Why not add some pond loving plants too? Just make sure to check what you're planting is right for ponds. Plants like Bladderwort make great food source for animals.

Making a pond in your garden really helps nature. Lots of animals like birds, bugs and hedgehogs will use it to get a drink. Some animals, like frogs, will even use it as a home!

