

MAKING A MINI POND



Materials:

- An attractive garden planter
- A plastic planter without any drainage holes that fits inside the garden planter
- Two or three pond plants in baskets, including at least one oxygenator
- Pebbles or rocks
- Water to fill it with - if possible from a water butt
- Gloves
- If the plastic planter is smaller than the pot it fits inside, you could put some plants in the gaps, in which case you'll also need:
 - Compost
 - Hand trowel
 - Gloves
 - Plants such as ivy to fill in the gaps

What to do:

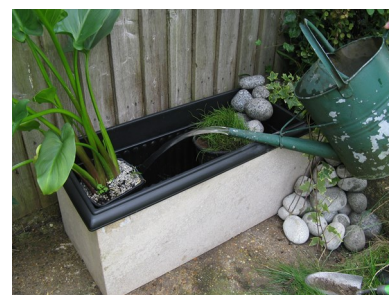
Step 1. Put the plastic planter inside the attractive tub.

Step 2. (optional): If there is a gap, you could fill it in with compost using the hand trowel. You could then put a small plant into the gap. Take it out of its flower pot and plant it in the soil.

Step 3. Put the pond plants inside the mini pond (in their baskets).

Step 4. Create access to the mini pond by building up a ramp using pebbles, stones and plants. Also, put some inside to make sure creatures can get out as well.

Step 5. Fill your mini pond with water. It shouldn't take too long for wildlife to find it, and you could see birds and amphibians visiting or bugs living in the water!



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