**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!