A bog garden is an attractive feature that can be used near to a pond or as a standalone feature if an area is unsuitable for a pond. They are great areas for amphibians to cool down in hot summer months and a good spot for foraging.

**Tools:**
- Spade
- Garden fork
- Gloves
- Safety boots
- Trowel

**Materials:**
- Liner
- Gravel
- Boggy plants
- String

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**Step 1: Marking out**
Mark out your chosen area using string.

**Step 2: Dig your bog garden**
Dig out the area, keeping the soil nearby for use later on. Your bog garden should be dug out to roughly 45cm depth.
Bog Garden

Step 3: Place your liner
Place your liner on the base of the bog garden, you could use an old off-cut piece of liner if you have one. Pierce the liner with a garden fork at 1m intervals.

Step 4: Cover your liner
Cover your liner with 2.5 - 5cm depth of gravel to help drainage. Then replace the soil you dug earlier.

Step 5: Plant up your garden!
Finish your bog garden by planting. Don’t forget to add plenty of water, especially if it’s dry!

Suggested plants for your bog garden:

- Bugle
- Marsh marigold
- Hard rush
- Cuckoo flower
- Ragged robin
- Purple loosestrife
- Marsh woundwort
- Water forget-me-not

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