

MINI – PONDS



Ponds are very important for wildlife and a great addition to a garden or allotment. You don't have to create a huge pond to attract wildlife and even a small bucket can be enough to help your local wildlife.

Materials:

- Pond container (bucket / old bath or barrel)
- Pebbles / rocks
- Logs
- Plants

Tools:

- Spades
- Gloves
- Safety boots
- Trowels

Raised pond - A raised pond requires no digging and can be more suitable for some gardens

Step 1: Find a suitable container

You could use a flexi-tub bucket, an old bath, half a barrel or many other old items that hold water. Remember the higher the container, the more material will be needed to create access for wildlife to and from the pond.



Step 2: Placing your pond.

Place your container on a level surface, leaving enough space around the pond to create access for wildlife.



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Step 3: Creating access in the pond

It's very important that wildlife can get out of the pond and won't drown. Use pebbles, twigs or plants to create an exit from the pond.



Step 4: Create an embankment

It's also important that wildlife can get into your pond. Make an embankment using soil and rocks - you could even add plants to enhance your embankment.

Allow your pond to fill with rainwater.

Sunken pond

A sunken pond requires a little digging but won't need an embankment. Dig your container level with the ground and make sure to create some access for wildlife exiting the pond.



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