

HIBERNACULUM



This activity sheet will tell you all about how to create your very own hibernaculum. A hibernaculum is somewhere for reptile and amphibians to hunt for food, hide away and hibernate in winter.

Materials:

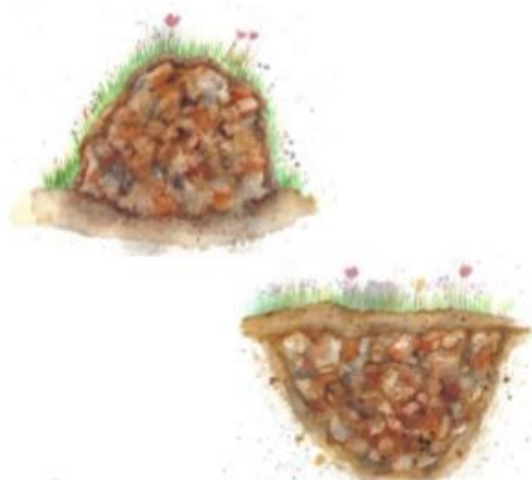
- Rocks/bricks
- Stones
- Logs
- Soil
- Turf/wildflower seed
- Twigs/deadwood

Tools:

- Spades
- Gloves
- Safety boots
- Wood saw

Step 1: Choose a spot in the garden

Choose a place for your hibernaculum in the garden that won't flood, is quiet and that isn't in sunlight all of the time.



Step 2: Dig a hole or make a pile

If placing your hibernaculum on dry soil then dig a small hole. If constructing your hibernaculum on wetter soil, simply pile the materials on top of the soil.

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Step 3: Construct your hibernaculum

Your hibernaculum needs small holes low down for wildlife to access, but too many larger holes will make your hibernaculum draughty.



Step 4: Add soil

Cover your hibernaculum in soil or compost.

Step 5: Finishing touches

Finish your hibernaculum with wild-flower seed or turf. This will attract insects to your new shelter and help it blend in with its surroundings.



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