

Build a Toad Abode!

Make a cool, damp hiding place for local amphibians to rest in with this super simple activity!



A trowel or spade



A plant pot, 20cm diameter or more

Toads will prefer terracotta if available but a plastic pot will do just as well!

What you'll need:



Moss, leaves and/or woodchip



A cool, shady safe place to place your home

How to make your toad abode:

Step 1:

Find a cool, shady space that's tucked away from lots of people disturbing it. Under a bush or near a log pile works well.

It's even better if no one else knows where your secret toad hole is hidden, as the less it's disturbed the better!

Step 2:

Dig a hole about 10cm deep and as long as your pot. If your toad hole can face south it will help visiting toads stay the right temperature and avoid the wind and rain.

Step 3:

Slot the pot into the hole, on its side, so half is buried and half is sticking out of the ground. Remember to make sure it's facing south if you can.

Step 4:

Half-fill your pot with leaves, moss and woodchip and scatter some extra bits and pieces around the pot. Hopefully you will have toads visiting in no time!



Did you know?

In spring, toads will migrate back to the pond they were spawned in to reproduce. This is why it's so important not to move toadspawn or toadpoles.