

Build a Rock Pile

Lots of small creatures need dark damp spaces to hide in - this helps them avoid predators, gives them protection from the weather and for animals like amphibians, stops their fragile skin from drying out. The stones at the top that heat up in the sun will provide a great spot for basking reptiles. Beetles, frogs, newts, ants, mites and more will use this amazing habitat to keep safe!

What you'll need:



Spade or trowel



Smaller stones



Gloves



Larger rocks and brick pieces

How to build your rock pile:

Step 1:

Find a spot out of the way of humans and dig a shallow hole. This can be in full or part sun. 10-15cm deep would work well.

Use gloves and be careful not to pinch your fingers between sharp rocks!

Step 2:

Start to fill the hole with stones. Use the biggest stones at the bottom, and add smaller stones near the top. Build your pile up above ground level too. Leave some gaps as tunnels for creatures to hide in.

When moving stones, be careful not to squash creatures that might already be living there.

Step 3:

Leave your rock pile alone and wait to see which creatures come to visit! You may see spiders running along the top, birds coming to eat insects or beetles burrowing into the edge.

