

Build a mini frog pond

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Get ready for frog spawn season with your own frog-friendly water feature!



Rainwater



A large, hardy container for water



A garden spade



Gravel and/or stones



Native pond plants (you can add these later)

How to make your pond:

Step 1:

Find or buy a large, hardy container to make the base of your pond. This could be anything from a washing up bowl to a large plant pot or even an old kitchen sink!

Top tip: if your container leaks, pop a plastic liner inside.

Step 2:

Move your container to your designated pond spot. It can be raised or dug into the ground. The easier it is to climb into, the more animals will use your pond!

Step 3:

Fill in any holes in your container and lay a base of gravel at the bottom. Create stepping stones through your pond to help animals move around in deeper water. Remember to create a shallow end to help animals get out easily.

Step 4:

Fill your pond with rain water (tap water contains chemicals). Once the pond is full, you can plant a few native pond plants using aquatic plants and soil from the garden centre.

Aftercare

Pond animals should keep your pond clean, but to start you might have to remove blanket weeds with a stick. You may also have to top the pond up when the weather is warmer. Be sure to learn all about the animals using your ponds with online ID guides!