

Make a Stump Garden

Stump gardens were popularised by the Victorians who wanted somewhere to show off their fern collections. Today they are a great way to reuse tree stumps and logs to create a wonderful wildlife habitat.

What you will need:



Spade or garden fork



Shade-loving plants



Tree stumps, big roots or logs



Mulch/woodchip

How to make your stump garden:

Step 1

Dig the area over with a fork and remove any weeds.

Step 2

Dig holes at least three foot deep for the stumps, placing them so that the roots face upwards. You can link them together or keep them separate.

A stump garden can provide a home for insects, frogs, newts and other wildlife.



Step 3

Add mulch or woodchip around the stump bases.



Stump gardens can fit into the smallest shady spot within a garden and they look great near a pond.

Step 4

Add shade loving plants such as ferns, primroses, bluebells, lily of the valley and trailing ivy.

Let moss and lichens grow on the stumps.

