

# Inspiration:

## Make a simple Garden Wildlife Drinking Station

Making a simple garden wildlife drinking station not only helps keep garden birds and beneficial insects hydrated, but creates an interesting and interactive focal point to observe.

Completing this project can meet many outcomes including awareness of wildlife needs, caring for others along with job satisfaction and promoting self esteem.

**Step 1:** Gather your natural materials — tiny stones, pebbles, a few twigs, and some cones. It's a bit like a treasure hunt in the outdoors.

**Step 2:** Pick your water plant. We've chosen the aromatic water mint—*Mentha aquatica*. It has a nice scent and can add flavour to your cooking. Its mesh pot lets the water move around the roots.

**Step 3.** Reuse a waterproof container with a flat bottom, like an old bowl or pot from the cupboard, ensuring it's deep enough for the plant's roots to be fully submerged.



**Garden wildlife drinking station**



**Step 1**



**Step 2**



**Step 3**



**Step 4**



**Step 5**



**Step 6**

**Step 4.** Put the plant (mesh pot included) in the centre of your container.

**Step 5.** Arrange the natural materials around the plant pot, with some piled higher than the pot.

**Step 6.** Place a few twigs to serve as a landing spot and add some visual and tactile interest to the feature.

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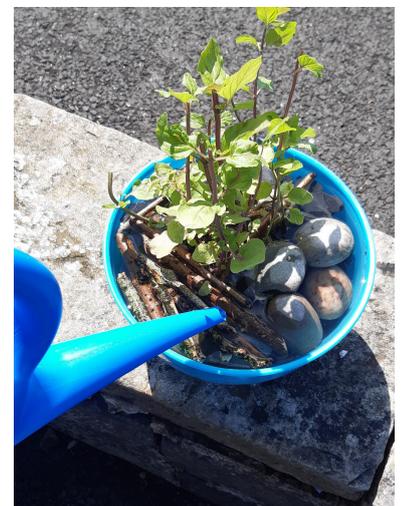
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Step 7



Step 8



Step 9



Step 10

**Step 7.** Carefully pour in water, ensuring that some pebbles and twigs remain above the surface to provide a safe drinking spot for insects.

**Step 8.** Use sharp scissors to trim any unruly stems, keeping your plant neat and tidy—don't forget to incorporate the mint into your teas or recipes!

**Step 9.** Keep the water level maintained, especially during sunny periods when evaporation is high.

**Step 10.** Position your wildlife watering station where you can observe the activity of garden creatures from the comfort of your home or favourite garden spot.

**Here's a helpful tip:** It's best to avoid using chlorinated water in your wildlife drinking station. Fill up your watering can from the tap a day in advance to allow the chlorine to dissipate. Choose a small watering can with a short spout and a curved handle, as this design is ideal for individuals who need a little extra support with wrist strength and precision when pouring.



Small watering can