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HOW TO MAKE A BIRD BATH

Finding drinking water is a daily task for wild birds. They also need to take a bath from time to time. Below you'll find some simple DIY bird baths so you can provide water for birds to drink or bathe in your outside space.

PLANT POT BIRD BATH

What you will need:

- Large terracotta or weatherproof plastic plant pot (minimum 30cm diameter)
- Large terracotta or weatherproof plastic plant saucer (minimum 30cm diameter)
- Stones

How to make it:

Step 1: Decide where you would like your bird bath to be placed. Try to find an open area, not too far from a hedgerow or tree, so birds can escape from predators.

Step 2: Turn the plant pot upside down and place the plant saucer on top of the base of the plant pot.

Step 3: If using a plastic saucer, add some stones to the middle. This will add weight and give a better surface for the birds to land on.

Step 4: Add rain or tap water to the plant saucer (between 2.5 and 10 cms deep) and your bird bath

is ready to welcome some feathered friends!



BRICK BIRD BATH

What you will need:

- 4 x bricks
- Large terracotta or weatherproof plastic plant saucer (minimum 30cm diameter)
- Stones

How to make it:

Step 1: Decide where you would like your bird bath to be placed. Try to find an open area, not too far from a hedgerow or tree, so birds can escape from predators.

Step 2: Place the 4 bricks on the ground in a square and then place the plant saucer on top of the bricks.

Step 3: If using a plastic saucer, add some stones to the middle. This will add weight and give a better surface for the birds to land on.

Step 4: Add rain or tap water to the plant saucer (between 2.5 and 10 cm deep) and your bird bath is ready to welcome some feathered friends!



Birds can **potentially put diseases** in the water in your bird bath that can be passed on to other birds. Make sure you regularly clean your bird bath, but don't use any harsh chemicals!