

# Make a wildlife pond


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## You will need

- A big patch of garden


- Spade 

- A plank of wood 


- Spirit level 

- Butyl pond liner 

- Sand 

- Water (use rainwater for best results) 

- A variety of pond plants 

- Large rocks 

Remember: don't add fish or a pump. The fish will eat smaller life forms (including frog and newt larvae) while the pump may suck them up!

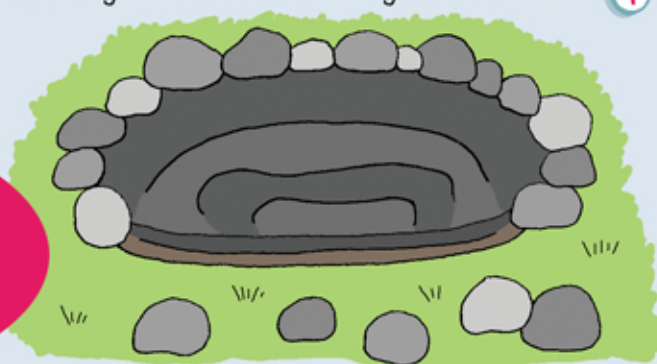
- 1 Choose your spot. \* Draw your pond outline and dig out, including some shallow areas.



- 2 Put a layer of sand at the bottom (don't use it all, you'll need some later).



- 3 Make a trench all around the edge of your pond, and lay the edge of the liner into this. Weigh it down with large rocks.



- 4 Fill the bottom with the remaining sand.



- 5 Fill the pond up with water.



If you fill it from a tap or hose your water might turn green - don't worry, this is just the minerals.

- 6 Leave your pond to settle for about a week before adding your plants.



- 7 Watch and see what wildlife visits.

Make sure you add a plank of wood, or something similar, as a ramp to help any wildlife that may have fallen in.

