



FROG HOTEL

Follow the instructions below to build your own frog hotel to provide a safe haven for frogs in your garden, encouraging them to stay and help control pests naturally.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Large terracotta pot or a similar container *(a broken one works well because it needs an entrance)*
- Pebbles and rocks
- Waterproof pond liner or heavy-duty plastic *(if the container isn't waterproof)*
- Sand
- Native water plants *(like water lilies or duckweed)*
- Mulch or bark
- Garden spade
- Water

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Choose a shady, quiet spot near a water source
- 2 Use a large container such as a terracotta pot lined with a pond liner or heavy plastic if it's not waterproof. Create an entrance in the rim or side large enough for a frog to pass through with no sharp edges where you created the entrance.
- 3 Cover the base with pebbles or small rocks to ensure good drainage and add a layer of sand over the rocks to stabilise the interior base and support plant roots.
- 4 Fill the container halfway with water and add native aquatic plants which will help keep the water clean and provide hiding spots for the frogs.
- 5 Arrange larger rocks and logs partially submerged around the edge of the container to provide shelter and basking spots for the frogs.
- 6 Around the container, lay a thick layer of mulch or bark to keep the area moist and cool. This also provides a good environment for insects, which are a food source for frogs.

Maintaining the Frog Hotel

Keep an eye on your frog hotel to see who moves in. It may take a little time for the frogs to discover your hotel, but once they do, you need to:

1. Keep the water level consistent by adding water during dry periods.
2. Clean out debris regularly to prevent the water from becoming stagnant.
3. Avoid using chemicals like pesticides and herbicides in and around the frog hotel to keep it safe for amphibians.

Follows a sequence of steps for making designed solutions



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