

# TOAD ABODE



Creating a toad abode is a fun activity to lighten up your garden area and provide a cosy spot for amphibians.

## Materials:

- Terracotta clay pot (minimum 20cm diameter)
- Moss
- Paint
- Slate / tiles
- Leaves
- Saucer
- Model clay
- Pebbles

## Tools:

- Paintbrush
- Solar powered light

## Step 1: Decorating your toad abode

Start off by sprucing up your toad abode! You can paint your abode or decorate by attaching pebbles, slate or moss. Or why not try making model clay animals to add to your new wildlife home?

Leave your clay pot to dry and set before moving.



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## Step 2: Choose a spot

Place your toad abode on a soft spot with an open bottom so your toad can burrow into soil.

Choose a location that is shady and dark. Prop your pot up on a slight angle so your toad can crawl in.

## Step 3: Add some light

This step is optional, but adding a small solar powered light will attract food for your toad.



Place this light on the ground just in front of your toad abode, but not pointing directly at it.



## Step 4: Just add water

If no pond is nearby why not give your toad a place to cool down?

Fill a saucer with water and push this into the soil to complete your abode!

Keep a look out!

Don't disturb any toads in your abode but you can peek through the opening to see what takes up residence.



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