



# Build a Bird Bath

Fun Fact! Bumblebees may use your bird bath to have a drink in too.



Birds that visit your garden often need feeding but they also need a drink or bath too! You can buy ready-made bird baths, but you may have things laying around that will do the job...



You will need:

- A shallow watertight bowl - like a plant pot tray or old dustbin lid (maximum depth of 10cm)
- Some stones or gravel
- Bricks - for if your bowl doesn't have a base
- Rain or tap water

Step 1 - If your bowl doesn't have a flat base, lay four bricks on the ground where you would like your bird bath to be, then put your bowl on top of the bricks, making sure it's stable.

Step 2 - Place pebbles, stones, or rocks in the water to give your birds a resting place and escape route.



Step 3 - Fill your bird bath with water. Rainwater is ideal - but tap water is another alternative.



Step 4 - Make sure your bird bath is always topped up. But in winter never use salt or chemicals to stop it from freezing over. Just gently pour in warm water (maybe let an adult help with this) to break the ice or gently knock the ice out and replace with fresh water.



Step 5 - Sit back and enjoy the wildlife drinking and bathing in your bird bath!

