

**Make a...  
simple toad abode**  
Native toads in the UK face decline as their habitats are regularly destroyed by our activity. Why not make a toad abode to offer the gardener's friend a home?



Start by getting...

- An old flower pot (about 20cm across the top)
- A trowel
- Dead leaves, moist moss or natural mulch

Then find a safe spot which is cool, dark and damp and ideally close to water.



Next...

Dig a small hole and place the pot into it on its side.  
Face the mouth of the pot south.

Bury it to about halfway.

Cover the inside and surrounding ground with dead leaves, moist moss or mulch.



Top Toad Tips...

Digging a pond is the best thing you can do for toads, frogs and newts - if you have a pond, leave long, uncut grass next to it for them to shelter in.

Toads love warm compost heaps and rocheries, as well as piles of stones and old wood.

Toads rarely stray from places they love and 90% of their diet is made up of garden pests.

Never introduce non-native toads or toad spawn.

Avoid using chemicals in your garden.

Why not send in a photo of your toad abode? For details go to [bbc.co.uk/wildaboutyourgarden](http://bbc.co.uk/wildaboutyourgarden)