

# Make your own Bird Bath

This is a wonderful way to encourage creativity. It is a fun activity that can be shared by two people.

## Materials:

- 2 Terracotta pots 18 inches (45 cm) in diameter or larger.
- You may also use a combination of pots.
- 1 Clay or ceramic pot base or saucer or an old canapé platter. We used a chipped hors d'œuvre platter.
- Clear acrylic sealer suitable for the outdoors - spray or liquid.
- Heavy duty glue or outdoor adhesive.
- Paints of your choice and brushes.
- Alternatively decorate with river pebbles or shells.
- Waterproof rubber ceramic adhesive, if using shells or river pebbles.

## Instructions:

- Wipe pots clean.
- Paint terracotta pots or if using enameled pots, decorate with shells or river pebbles. Allow to dry.
- Seal pots with acrylic sealer inside and out. Two coats is best and allow to dry in between coats. Enameled pots **do not need** sealer.
- Choose a location to assemble the birdbath; a secluded place where passers-by won't disturb it and where flowering bushes and trees grow nearby.
- The first pot on the ground should be firmly secured so that it does not wobble.
- Use outdoor adhesive to glue pots to each other. Allow to dry.
- Glue ceramic saucer or canapé platter to the top.
- Allow to dry and it is ready.
- Place a stone or two in the middle of the bird bath to create some separated space so butterflies can drink too.
- Change water every second day.

Be patient! It takes a while for the birds to become accustomed to it. Some birds will watch the bird bath for 2 weeks before attempting to use it.