# Get crafting

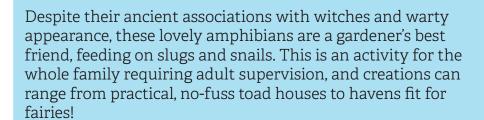


Indoor and outdoor crafts are great ways to express yourself and bring out your wild side. They can also benefit wildlife, by providing them with a meal or a home to live. We've got a few ideas here for you to try. If you're looking for even more wildlife crafts, try designing a <u>nature mandala</u>, making a <u>nest box</u> or creating your own <u>egg carton creatures</u>.



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## **Build a toad abode**



## What to do

- 1. The first thing you need to do is create an entryway to your toad home! Here's 3 ways to do this:
  - a. Lay your pot horizontally so that it's half dug into the ground, half out, creating a cave.
  - b. Carve a doorway in an upturned pot this is much easier with a plastic pot! If you are using clay pot, it may be easier to 'smash' a section of the rim creating an entryway. Be careful!
  - c. Upturn your pot on to a circle of rocks and make the doorway by removing one or two of the rocks.
- 2. Once you've got your entryway sorted, you can start

decorating. This is the really fun bit, so get creative!

- 3. Pick a shady spot close to a water source in your garden for your toad abode.
- 4. If your pot is big enough, dig it slightly into the ground to prevent it falling over. If not, then place your heavy rock or brick on top.
- 5. Wait for your residents to move in!



# You will need

- 1. An old plant-pot (any material will work, but clay pots are cooler in summer)
- 2. A heavy rock or brick
- 3. Materials for decorating, this can be whatever you have laying around! Here's some ideas:
- o Paint or markers
- o Glue gun
- o Moss
- o Shells
- o Lollipop sticks for a makeshift picket-fence or for constructing a 'welcome' sign



Sometimes it's nice to just switch off and get crafty... I love combining my love of nature with being creative, and it's even better when you can help wildlife in the

.

Jo, crafter

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# Make an apple feeder

Tits and finches love sunflower seeds and they'll enjoy the apple, too! This is a really simple activity that children can try, they'll just need help from an adult making the hole in the apple.

#### You will need

- An apple
- An apple corer or skewer
- Sunflower seeds
- String
- A thin stick

#### What to do

- 1. Make a hole through the middle of the apple using the apple corer or skewer.
- 2. Thread some string through the hole and tie the bottom end to the middle of the stick.
- 3. Push the sunflower seeds into the apple.
- 4. Tie the string to a branch and watch as the birds flock to their tasty snack!



## Nature dreamcatcher

#### You will need

- 3 straight, sturdy twigs of equal lengths
- String, wool or twine
- Feathers and other natural objects such as layender or leaves

## What to do

- 1. Lay the twigs as a triangle and tie the corners together where they cross, trimming off any excess.
- 2. Create a pattern of your choice inside the triangle using your string. You can make it as
  - simple or as complex as you like.
- 3. Once you're happy with the pattern inside your dreamcatcher, you can start adding more natural objects and decorating it! You could:
- o Tie lengths of string to the bottom of your triangle and attach leaves, feathers and shells.
- o Weave aromatic herbs into your string pattern for a lovely scent.





