

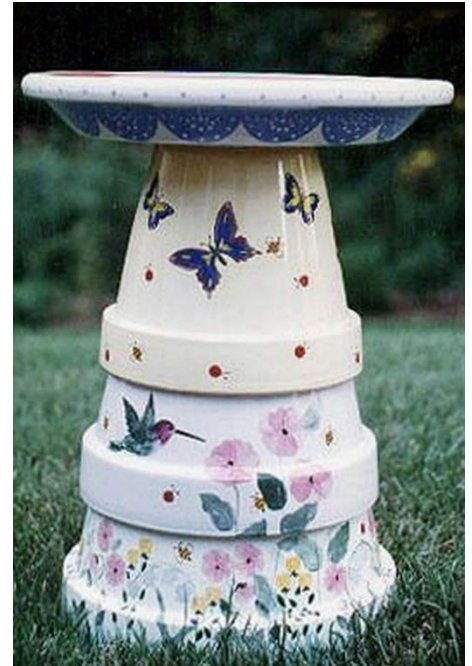
How-to make your own bird bath



Providing water for birds is often forgotten about but is vital for their survival. All birds need water to survive, just how much depends a lot on their diet. Insect-eating birds will need less water than ones that have a dry diet of seeds.

Regular bathing is also essential to keep their feathers in tip-top condition. Shallow water is a great way of washing out any grit or lice before preening. Experts have also found that clean birds are more streamlined, so can escape from predators quickly. An elevated bird bath will offer birds a better view of stalking cats!

We've put together this quick guide on how to create your own bird bath, using terracotta pots and saucers. You could use old garden pots and saucers, washed and driedno need to buy new ones!



Step 1

Wipe down your pot and saucer and leave to dry. We suggest using a large pot, to give some height. Alternatively, you could use 3 or 4 smaller ones, stacked on top of each other. If you are feeling creative, you may like to paint the pots, for an added wow factor!



Step 2

Once completely dry, apply a generous layer of waterproof glue or tile adhesive to the base of the pot. Now place the saucer on the base of the pot and leave to set for 24 hours. If you have chosen to use a few smaller pots, you will need a layer of glue around the inside of the rim of each pot you are stacking. Finishing off with the saucer on top.

Step 3

Choose a suitable spot for your bird bath. Add stones, so that the smaller birds can perch to drink fresh water. Remember to top up the water regularly and keep your birdbath clean to prevent spreading disease!

Step 4

Sit back and enjoy watching your garden visitors having a drink and a dip!

If you decide to build our bird bath, let us know what visitors you have and share some photos on our socials @SongBirdSBS or send a photo to dawn-chorus@songbirdsurvival.org.uk



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