

Make Your Own “Toad Abode”!

Toads help maintain a healthy ecosystem by eating insects and slugs. Spring is right around the corner! Invite toads to your backyard by giving them a little place in the shade.



What you need:

Small, plastic container (can be a food container: yogurt, cream cheese, etc. *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!*)

Scissors

Washable, non-toxic paint & paint brushes

Fallen leaves (optional)

Medium-sized rock (optional)

How-to:

1. Wash out your plastic container.
2. Using scissors, cut out a small, half-oval shape about 3” high on one side of the container to make a door (see photo example).
3. Paint your toad house! Use washable, non-toxic paint to decorate. Natural colors work best to blend-in outside.
4. Let the paint dry.
5. Pick out a shady spot in your garden, next to a bush or long-hanging tree.
6. Make sure it is near a water source. If you are not near a water source, you can sink a small dish in the soil and keep it filled with water.
7. Place your toad house in the soil, so the opening touches the ground.
8. Sink your toad house about 1-2” deep. Make sure it is sturdy and does not wiggle.
9. If you have leaves in your yard, you can add a few to line the inside of your toad house.
10. For extra support, place a heavy object, like a rock, on the top of the toad house.
11. You are all done! Now, you can wait for a toad to move into their new residence!



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