## BOG GARDEN



A bog garden is an attractive feature that can be used near to a pond or as a standalone feature if an area is unsuitable for a pond. They are great areas for amphibians to cool down in hot summer months and a good spot for foraging.

## Tools:

- Spade
- Garden fork
- Gloves
- Safety boots
- Trowel

Step 1: **Marking out**Mark out your chosen area using string.

## Materials:

- Liner
- Gravel
- Boggy plants
- String

Step 2: Dig your bog garden Dig out the area, keeping the soil nearby for use later on. Your bog garden should be dug out to roughly 45cm depth.







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Step 3: Place your liner
Place your liner on the base of the bog garden, you could use an old off-cut piece of liner if you have one. Pierce the liner with a garden fork at 1m intervals.





Step 4: Cover your liner Cover your liner with 2.5 - 5cm depth of gravel to help drainage. Then replace the soil you dug earlier.

Step 5: Plant up your garden! Finish your bog garden by planting. Don't forget to add plenty of water, especially if it's dry!



Suggested plants for your bog garden:

Bugle Marsh Hard rush Cuckoo flower

marigold

Ragged robin Purple Marsh Water forget-me

loosestrife woundwort 🐇-nd



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