

# HIBERNACULA



This activity sheet will tell you all about how to create your very own hibernacula. A hibernacula is somewhere for reptiles and amphibians to hunt for food, hide away and hibernate in the winter.

## Materials:

- Rocks / bricks
- Stones
- Logs
- Soil
- Turf / wildflower seed
- Twigs / dead wood

## Tools:

- Spades
- Gloves
- Safety boots
- Wood saw

## Step 1: Choose a spot in the garden

Choose a place for your hibernacula in the garden that won't flood, is quiet and that is not in the sunlight all the time.



## Step 2: Dig a hole or make a pile

If placing your hibernacula on dry soil then dig a small hole. If constructing your hibernacula on wetter soil, simply pile the materials on top of the soil.



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## Step 3: Construct your hibernacula

Your hibernacula needs small holes low down for wildlife to access, but too many larger holes will make your hibernacula draughty.



## Step 4: Add soil

Cover your hibernacula with soil or compost.

## Step 5: Finishing touches

Finish your hibernacula with wildflower seed or turf. This will attract insects to your new shelter and help it blend in with its surroundings.



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