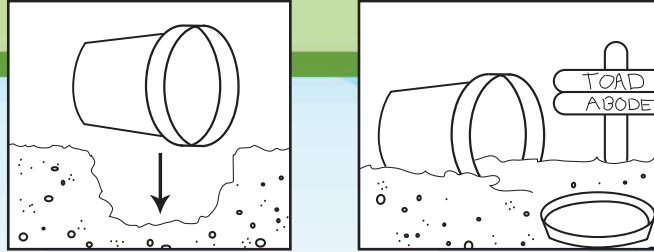


# How to make a "Toad Abode"



Toads eat up to 15,000 insects each season, which keeps gardens pest free and healthy. Giving a toad a shady place to stay during the heat of the day is a great way to welcome a toad into your garden. You provide the shelter, and in return he'll keep your garden healthy and balanced.

## What you'll need:

- A medium-sized clay flowerpot (6") and saucer
- Acrylic paints and a paintbrush
- KILZ® primer
- Krylon® clear coat spray paint
- A hand shovel
- A disposable pie tin or the saucer from the flowerpot

## Directions:

1. Wash and dry the flowerpot and saucer and prime the entire pot with KILZ®, which prevents the paint from cracking. Allow to dry. Then paint designs on the outside and bottom using earth colors. Once dry, spray clear coat paint all over. Allow to dry. Spray one more clear coat for extra protection.
2. Find a nice shady area in your garden. Using the hand shovel, dig a hole large enough to partially bury the pot into the ground on its side. Scatter leaves inside the pot.
3. Place the pie tin or saucer near the flowerpot. Fill it with a little water and add rocks to make a beautiful pond.
4. Keep the tin filled with water. This step is especially important since toads drink water by soaking it through their skin.
5. Enjoy the company of your new amphibious friend.