

Make a mini-pond

How would you like your very own wetland nature reserve in a washing-up bowl?

- 1** Dig a hole big enough for the washing up bowl to sit comfortably in. Try to make it as level as possible.



- 2** Fill the bottom of the bowl with gravel. Build a ladder of large stones up one side so that mice and voles can escape. Put in a dragonfly perching stick or two. Wedge the base of each stick under heavy stones.



You will need

- Washing-up bowl
- Gravel and large stones
- Logs & twigs
- Native pond plants such as hornwort and milfoil
- Potted pond plant e.g. water milfoil

- 3** Fill the bowl with water – rainwater if possible.

- 4** Cover the edge of the bowl with stones and logs. Bury potted plants in pebbles, then drop in other pond plants.

- 5** Watch for wildlife moving in!

