

Toad City

For a fun family project, try creating an entire toad city in your garden or backyard.

Have each member of the family create their own toad abode. Place all abodes near one another around a central water source. If you want to get really fancy, try adding miniature fences, welcome signs and paths to your new toad city!

Some things to remember:

Toads are amphibians.

They have a special type of skin through which they can breath and absorb moisture.

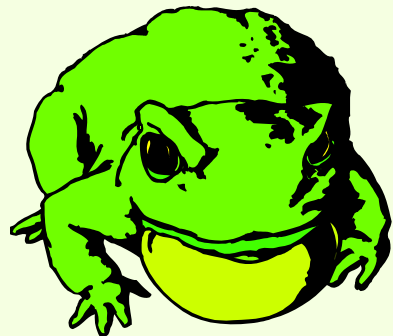
It is important to enjoy the toads that visit your backyard through observation only.

Picking up an amphibian can be risky; you could damage its delicate skin.



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HOW TO MAKE A TOAD ABODE



*Welcome toads into
your garden and
invite them to dine
upon unwanted slug
and insect visitors.*

Make toads feel welcome in your backyard or garden by providing them with shelter and water. Follow these simple directions to create your own *toad abode*.

The toads aren't the only ones to benefit from this project. Having a resident toad in your garden will help cut down on the number of insects and slugs that can damage your plants.

Clay Pot Toad Abode

All you need to create a fun toad abode is an old clay pot and saucer. It's a great way to reuse some of the supplies piling up in your shed while helping your backyard wildlife.

It is important to consider the lifestyle of a toad when deciding on a location for your toad abode.

1. Do not place in direct sunlight.
2. Put your toad abode in a location where its inhabitants are sure to find many juicy bugs to eat!

If you would like to add your own personal style to the toad abode you can paint the outside of the pot with acrylic paints. Be sure to let the paint dry completely before taking your masterpiece outside.

There are few different ways you can set up your toad abode to suit your taste.

1. Dig out a small depression in the soil and lay your pot on its side. Add the soil you removed to the inside of the pot and pat it down.
2. Set the toad abode upside down on the earth and prop up one side with a rock, creating a large enough space for a toad to hop through.

Now to the saucer. Place the clean saucer near your toad abode and fill it with water. Be sure to check the water level often and to keep it clean. Providing a near-by water source will increase your chances of attracting toads to the new abode.



If you don't have any old clay pots laying around, you can also create your toad abode from empty coffee cans. It is important to make sure there are no sharp edges around the top that could damage a toad's delicate skin. Remember to add a water source near your toad abode!