Build a FROG HOTEL

A great way to dress up your garden and help some of our native wildlife is to build your very own Frog Hotel. Not only will you garden look terrific, but you will also be extending the inhabitable area for frogs and encouraging them into your backyard.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- **PVC pipes in 3-4 different widths (ideally 90mm, 40mm and 25mm in width; a minimum of 40cm in length)**
- **Garden pot or container that will hold water (Note: if your pot/container has holes, these will need to be filled and sealed with silicone)**
- **Small gravel or pebbles**
- **Native water plant/s**
- **Large river stones or decorative rocks**
- **Solar powered light to attract insects, which is a natural food source for tree frogs**
- **90o PVC elbow to fit above PVC pipes (optional)**

Creating your

FROG HOTEL

STEP 1

Cut the PVC pipes to different lengths (a minimum of 40cm which will prevent toads from jumping in). Make sure you sand back the edges from where you cut.

STEP 2

Place the potted water plant in, so the rim of the plant pot sits just below the edge of the pot/container (you may need some pebbles/gravel under the pot).

STEP 3

Arrange the pipes in your garden pot/container how you want them to look.

STEP 4

Ask a family member/friend to help hold the pipes in place, while you scoop in the small pebbles/gravel around them until they stand up on their own.

STEP 5

Fill the rest of the garden pot/container with gravel, large river stones and any of the additional materials listed.

STEP 6

Fill the pipes and bowl with water.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER Once you've built your Frog Hotel

Check your hotel every few days and top up with water when necessary.

It is best to use water that is chlorine and chemical-free. You can achieve this by standing a bucket of tap water outdoors in the sun for 24 hours.

To avoid mosquito activity, only fill the tub up to the same level as the rocks/pebbles.

To prevent water from smelling, flush out water with dechlorinated water every 3-4 days to freshen up the water.

If cane toads are common in your area, a good idea is to build your Frog Hotel 60cm above the ground.
This will prevent the toads from stealing a frog bed.

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