

Wild school holiday fun



Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust



Don't get bored in the school holidays - try our fun nature activities instead!

Make a nectar bar

No matter how big or small your space, there's a lot you can do to help our insects!

- 1.** You'll need a window box (or two if you've got space) with drainage holes.
- 2.** Use peat free compost in your window box.
- 3.** Stock up on pollinator-friendly plants that are suitable for window boxes. Chose from lavender, thyme, sage, agrimony and rosemary.
- 4.** Water regularly throughout the summer!



Make a butterfly painting

You will need water-based paints, brushes, sugar paper, marker pen and plenty of newspaper to cover your table.

- 1.** Fold a piece of sugar paper in half (as if making a card) and open it back out.
- 2.** Paint the shape of butterfly wings on one half. Fold the paper over again and press down.
- 3.** Open out the paper and add more colours to one side. Refold and press.
- 4.** When the butterfly wings are dry, add a body and antennae with a marker pen.



How to build a mini wildlife pond

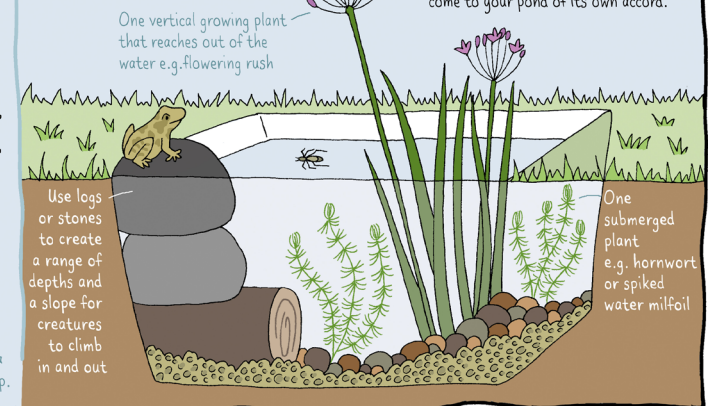


You will need:

- a watertight container*
- old bricks, rocks and pebbles
- pond plants
- spade

* Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 20-30cm deep.

- 1** Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just have it sitting on top.
- 2** If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.
- 3** Add a layer of gravel and rocks.
- 4** Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).
- 5** Start planting... you only need two or three plants.
- 6** Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.



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Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.

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