BOG GARDEN

A bog garden is an attractive feature that can be used near to a pond or as a standalone feature if an area is unsuitable for a pond. They are great areas for amphibians to cool down in hot summer months and a good spot for foraging.

Tools:

- Spade
- Garden fork
- Gloves
- Safety boots
- Trowel

Materials:

- Liner
- Gravel
- Boggy plants
- String

Step 1: **Marking out**
Mark out your chosen area using string.

Step 2: **Dig your bog garden**
Dig out the area, keeping the soil nearby for use later on. Your bog garden should be dug out to roughly 45cm depth.

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Step 3: **Place your liner**
Place your liner on the base of the bog garden, you could use an old off-cut piece of liner if you have one. Pierce the liner with a garden fork at 1m intervals.

Step 4: **Cover your liner**
Cover your liner with 2.5 - 5cm depth of gravel to help drainage. Then replace the soil you dug earlier.

Step 5: **Plant up your garden!**
Finish your bog garden by planting. Don't forget to add plenty of water, especially if it's dry!

Suggested plants for your bog garden:

Bugle	Marsh marigold	Hard rush	Cuckoo flower
Ragged robin	Purple loosestrife	Marsh woundwort	Water forget-me-not

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