Make a mini-pond

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

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

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.

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!