

Bee Watering Station!

Make your backyard an oasis for your local busy bees!

Materials

- A shallow dish like a terra cotta dish, pie pan or plate!
- rocks, marbles, shells and twigs
- Optional bits of moss and flowers for shade if you plan on changing them every few days!



- 1 Find a place in your yard where bees might already be coming! Look for flowering plants bees love such as honeysuckle, lavender, or even a blossoming apple tree. Make sure your plate or pan can sit level - you can even place it up on a stool or a plant stand.
- 2 Fill the bottom of your plate or pan with the marbles, rocks and shells. The goal is to give the bees plenty of things to stand on while they get a drink and leave no gaps where a bee could fall in and drown. Mix up the sizes and shapes of the rocks and marbles, including some larger ones and smaller ones to fill in those gaps.
- 3 Carefully pour water into your plate or pan, making sure it doesn't fully submerge the rocks and marbles. Remember, you want the bees to be able to stand on dry ground while getting at the water.
- 4 If you want, you can poke bits of moss and flower blossoms around the edge of the watering station to help attract bees and give them somewhere to rest. Just be sure you don't let these mold in the water and spoil it! Check the water level every day or so! Once they learn about your awesome watering hole, bees will remember it and make it a part of their routine! Best not to disappoint them!

