



Create a clay pot bird bath

As you have learned in this issue of *Wild Times*, birds and many other wildlife depend on water and wetlands to survive. You can have fun creating a place for birds to splash around and drink water by making a clay pot bird bath and putting it outside near your house.

How to make the bird bath:

1. Turn the flower pot upside down and place the saucer right-side-up on top of it. The pictures above show a couple ways to stack pots to create your bird bath, but feel free to get creative. Glue them into place.
2. Decorate the outside of the flower pot and saucer with paint. Consider nature themed patterns!
3. Fill the saucer with clean water, and be sure to change the water every few days to prevent algae from growing. You can also place some stones in the bird bath if you have a large saucer on top to provide places for birds to perch when they are using your bath.
4. Sit back and watch birds fly in and use your bird bath! Be sure to bring the bird bath indoors during the winter to prevent it from cracking.

Materials you will need:

- A clay pot that includes a separate saucer to collect water. For a taller bird bath, you can use more than one pot.
- Acrylic paint or permanent paint markers
- Strong permanent craft glue