

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN PLANT POT Parabolic

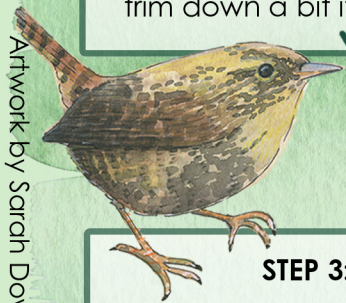
Three simple steps to eavesdrop on your local birdlife...

You will need:



STEP ONE: Preparing the base

Make sure your piece of wood fits comfortably on the inside of your bowl at the base, trim down a bit if necessary!



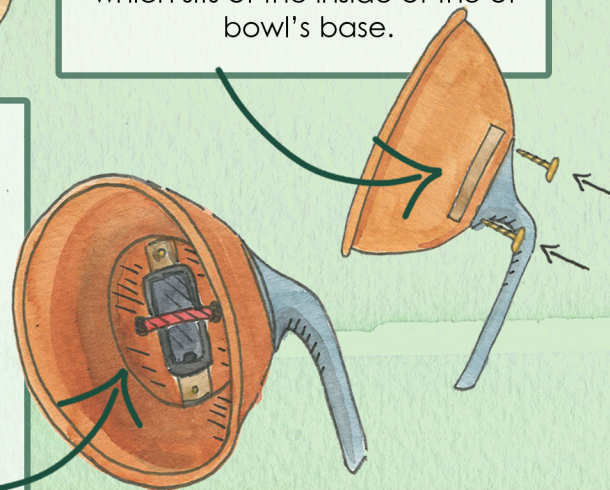
STEP 2: Fitting your handle

Fix your handle onto the outside of the base of the bowl by screwing into the piece of wood which sits on the inside of the bowl's base.

STEP 3: Attach the recorder

Make two small holes in the plastic base of the bowl using your screw driver or a knife, either side of the piece of wood. Thread a short piece of elastic or bungee cord through these holes and adjust before tying in place.

You can now use this piece of elastic to securely attach your phone or recording mic onto the base of the bowl.



For the Bowl..

A plastic mixing bowl, a dustbin lid, a plastic squirrel guard for bird feeders...

For the Handle...

A piece of wood, a plastic scrubbing brush handle, any large kitchen utensil, a piece of rope...

For the recorder

A smartphone, a Lavalier microphone, a handheld voice recorder.

Why not also try using...



TOP TIPS!

- ✚ Try finding a bowl which isn't too deep and has a shallow, sloping 'parabolic' shape to best amplify the sound.
- ✚ Download the 'RØDE reporter' app for IOS or 'RecForge II' app for Android for greatest control of your sound recording.
- ✚ Plug in your headphones and use the 'monitor' setting in your microphone to reduce any wind noise.
- ✚ Head out in the early hours of the morning to be in with the best chance of catching the cacophony of dawn chorus
- ✚ Why not try using your parabolic to eavesdrop on the sounds of insects, reptiles, animals and anything else you can find!
- ✚ To watch a detailed how-to video click here
- ✚ Now try it out! Head out on your doorstep and see what you can find!

Share your recordings with us online using the hashtag #PlantPotParabolic and send them to wildworld@ninaconstablemedia.co.uk