

## You will need:

You can use any or none of the building materials in this list, it just depends on what you want your home to look like!

- Clay Pot
- Sticks
- Rocks
- Anything to decorate your toad abode with!

**Objective:** Students will recognize the importance of shelter for amphibians by creating shelters for the amphibians in their yard.



## Directions:

Make a home for toads and frogs! There are many different types of toad abodes, but all toads/amphibians look for similar things when home shopping! They like homes that are dark, damp, and cool!

Some suggestions:

1. A clay pot half buried in dirt
2. A clay pot flipped upside down, but raised slightly at the ground
3. Rocks that have been stacked to make a cave type dwelling
4. Sticks that have been glued together to make a teepee (Make sure there is a door if you go this route!)



Get creative! Decorate your toad abode to your liking!



## But what about other types of amphibians?

North Carolina is the salamander capital of the world because we have 37 different species living here! Our largest is the hellbender at roughly two feet long and they rely on rock piles for their homes. Take the pledge to save salamanders and protect their homes by: leaving rocks and logs alone, not handling amphibians, and staying harsh chemical free. Show off your support by printing out the sign on the next page.



# This area is SALAMANDER SAFE!

In order to provide more safe spaces for salamanders,  
this area is protected and free of harsh chemicals.

