

# Make a Butterfly Puddle



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Make your garden more butterfly-friendly with a drinking puddle. Shallow water sources provide the necessary salt and amino acids for our fluttering friends.

## Materials:

- Shallow tray or dish
- Sand
- Soil
- Compost
- Salt
- Stones (flat)

## Directions:

1. Start with a shallow container that can hold water, like a saucer or pie pan.
2. Fill the container with sand, level it off, and create an indentation in the center to collect water.
3. Lightly sprinkle soil, compost, or salt over the sand to provide nutrition (avoid inert potting soil).
4. Add water to the container and place it in your garden amongst your plants. Replace the water in the container as needed.
5. Flat stones can also be placed on top of the sand for butterflies to land.
6. Sit back and enjoy watching these colorful creatures gather!



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