



## DIY Butterfly Puddler



### What is Butterfly Puddling?

Butterfly puddling is the act of butterflies gathering in mud puddles to take up water and minerals. The nectar butterflies get from flowers is said to offer enough water but not the salts and minerals that male butterflies specifically need.

### Supplies

- A shallow dish: clay saucer or something similar
- Sand: play sand or fine gravel will both work
- Organic Fertilizer or Mushroom Manure.
- Rocks:
  - Larger rocks are meant as a place for the butterflies to perch.
  - Smaller gems are purely for decoration.
- Other: Small quantities of overripe fruit such as apples, oranges, and bananas can be placed in the dish. Warning: this will attract more than butterflies!

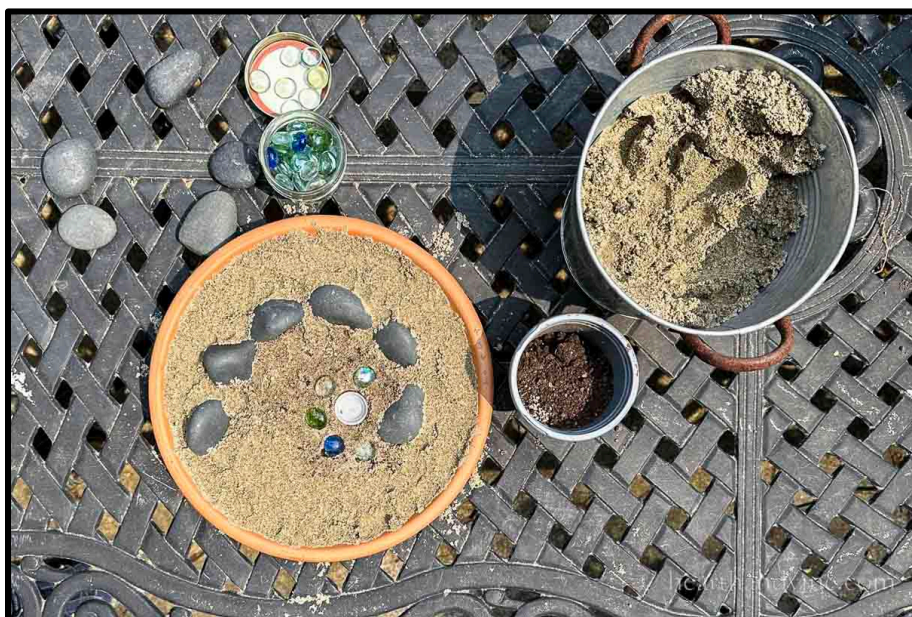
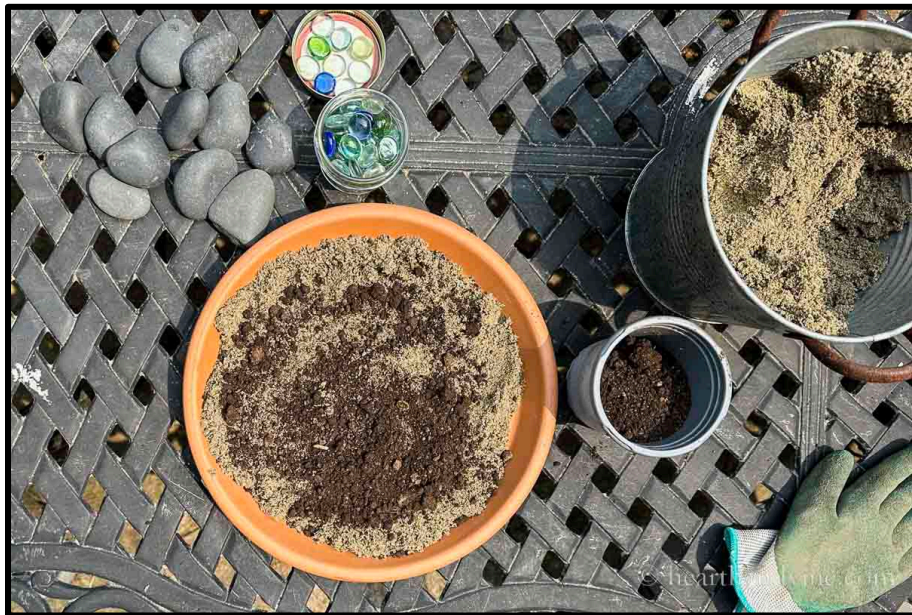




## Making the Butterfly Puddler

1. Fill your dish with sand.
2. Mix in a little organic fertilizer or mushroom manure
3. Add some rocks for perching and some for decorating as desired
4. Use your thumbs to make an impression for water to gather around the rocks
5. Place your butterfly puddler somewhere flat and fill to the rim with water
6. Continue to add water (especially during dry weather)
7. Keep your eye out for butterflies

Don't be surprised to find bees and other pollinators enjoying your DIY puddle station!



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