

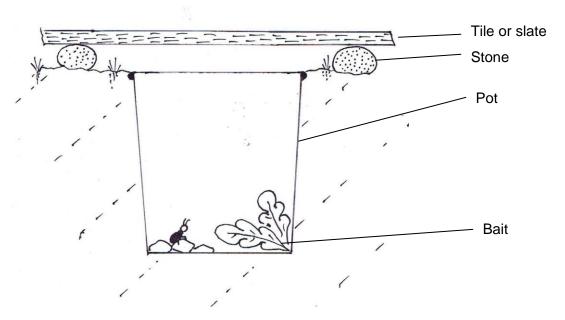
Make a Pitfall Trap for Minibeasts

To find out what sort of bugs and beetles are wandering around after dark, make a simple pitfall trap.

Dig a hole in the ground – bare earth or lawn – and bury a large yoghurt pot so that its rim is level with the soil surface. Pack soil around the edge of the pot. Drop in some bait – a bit of meat or cheese, and a couple of salad leaves will do.

Place four stones around the pot and a slate or tile on top of them to keep the rain out.

Leave the trap overnight and dig it up in the morning to see what you've caught!



Always handle the minibeasts gently, and return them home once you've had a good look at them.

