

## Birdbath

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A birdbath not only makes an attractive garden ornament, it also provides a source of water for a wide variety of birds. The Lee Valley Birdbath is made from fired terra cotta with a blue glaze to retain water. The 15" diameter basin is available with either a tripod stand or a ring and chain assembly.



Figure 1: Standing birdbath.



Figure 2: Hanging birdbath.

### Mounting the Basin on the Stand

The stand is fairly simple to assemble. Use the plate and the two screws and washers to connect the legs as shown in **Figure 3**.

**Do not** fully tighten the screws at this time.

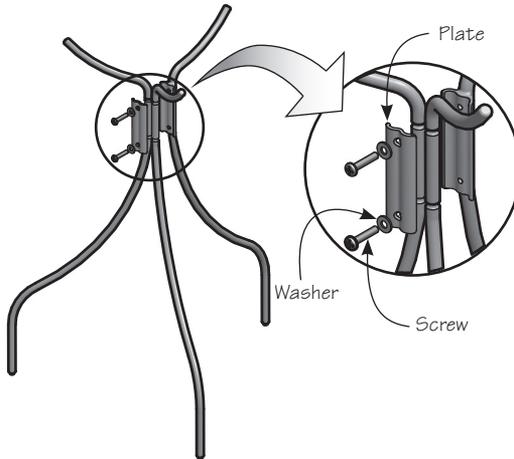


Figure 3: Assembling the stand.

To ensure the basin is securely supported on the stand, position the three indentations underneath the basin over the top of the legs. Fully tighten the screws.

**Tip:** It may be easier to assemble the stand by turning it upside down to ensure the legs fit into the indentations underneath the basin. Place the basin upside down on the cardboard box in which it was shipped, locate the top of the legs in each indentation, then tighten the screws.

Place the stand in the desired location in the garden. To stabilize and level the stand, drive the legs 3" to 4" into the ground.

Once installed, the birdbath will be about 24" off the ground.

## Mounting the Basin on the Ring and Chain Assembly

The hanging ring is delivered fully assembled. Simply align the circular ridge found underneath the basin over the ring, as shown in **Figure 5**.

The hanging birdbath will weigh about 9.2 lb when it has water in it. Be sure to hang it on any branch or bracket that can safely support that weight.

**Caution:** Do not position the hanging birdbath close to other surfaces that could damage it under windy conditions.

## Care and Maintenance

It is necessary to clean the basin daily to ensure birds are provided with an uncontaminated source of water for drinking and bathing. A clean birdbath not only benefits the health and safety of birds, but also prevents mosquitoes from using it as breeding grounds, prevents the growth of algae, and prevents the spread of avian diseases.

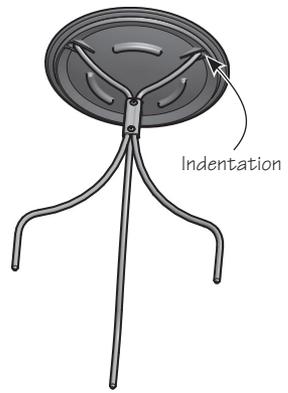
Thoroughly rinse the basin with a high-pressure spray of water. Scrub as needed to remove algae and other organic contaminants. **Never** use harsh cleaning chemicals; a 50-50 mix of vinegar and water will sufficiently disinfect a birdbath. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

**Caution:** Store the basin indoors during winter, as freezing temperatures may cause breakage.

## Accessories

**PG915** Standing Birdbath

**PG916** Hanging Birdbath



**Figure 4: Aligning the legs.**



**Figure 5: Basin installed on hanging ring.**