
ANT STARTER SET INSTRUCTIONS

Box Contents:

1 x Glass vertical ant habitat 30 x 20 x 1.8cm
1 x Glass feeding tank 30 x 20 x 20cm
1 x Glass and aluminium feeding tank cover (high-grade steel mesh)
1 x 50cm flexible tubing 10/14
1 x Tubing connector
1 x Rubber plug 6-10mm
1 x Rubber plug 9-13mm
1 x 1kg sand/loam mixture
1 x 50g Clay granules
1 x Feeding/water dish 30mm
1 x Stainless steel tweezers
1 x Plastic pipette
1 x Wide water tube (drainage)
1 x Narrow Water tube (drainage)

Instructions:

Begin by checking the contents of the kit against the list above. Read through the instructions before starting the setup.

Step 1)

Take the **vertical glass ant habitat** and place the **wide water tube** in the bottom, lying in flat.

Cover this tube with **half** of the **clay granules**.

This creates a small water reservoir underneath the colony which will prevent both over-watering and drying out of the nest. Water can be added to the nest in the future by inserting the **narrow water tube** down into the soil and using the **pipette** to add water directly to the reservoir.

Step 2)

Ensure the **sand loam mixture** is damp by adding a small amount of water. The **sand loam mixture** can then be placed into the vertical ant habitat on top of the clay granules.

Step 3)

Connect the **vertical ant habitat** and the **feeding tank** using the **flexible tubing**.

To do this remove the **tubing connector** from the end of **flexible tube**, insert the end of the tube through one of the holes in the **feeding tank** and re-attach the **connector** to the end of the tube which is now inside the **feeding tank**. The tubing attaches to the **vertical ant habitat** by simply being pushed on.

The **rubber bungs** can now be inserted into the remaining openings, one in the **feeding tank** and one in the **vertical ant habitat**. These holes are there so additional habitats can be connected as the colony grows.

Step 4)

The remaining **clay granules** can be added to the feeding tank for decorative purposes along with the **feeding and water dishes**.

Step 5)

If you have purchased a colony remove the bung and place the test tube into the feeding tank.

You may need to provide a small twig to allow the ants to reach the connecting tube. Over time they will move from the feeding tank up to the nest tank.