

Project 1 with Aiden : - 2 Mud Ponds (The reason for these is that I am losing my baby frogs because they have no other pond to migrate to).

Materials

2 pond liners
zeolite, gravel and stones
spades
larger stones for the edge from the stone around the property.
Iris plants

Positions

1st pond to be put behind the water pond on the other side of the wall approximately two metres from the wall.

2nd pond to be put on the other side of the covered courtyard, through the archway to the right close to the wall on the raised bed.

Method

Dig out soil to required depth. Insert pond liner and scatter a mix of stones zeolite and gravel. Water may be placed in the pond to a low depth using the hose pipe. A few stones so that the frogs can jump out. Plant with iris. Be creative!

Project 1B:- Trellis for apricot espalier.

Materials

Metal

Position

On the fence in the covered area between the near side of the pond and the large stone wall at the other end.

Method

1C :- Installing the archway trellis.

Materials

Archway.
Pipe for digging into the ground
Round steel for putting into the ground and running up the inside the arch.
Spade for digging.
Possible concrete (in garage)
Angle grinder.

Position

At the top of the two steps leading to the keyhole gardens.

To carefully remove all the salt bush from the trellis and rescue some of it if possible. Some dog wire may be used for the salt bush against the neighbours fence. Dog wire is in the garage. Any salt bush that has rooted and is transplantable can be given to the planting group for planting elsewhere.

Dig 4 holes for the four corners of the arch. Install pipe. Put in solid pipe liner so that it extends at least 30 centimetres above the ground. Lift the archway onto the pipe liner and push into the ground a little. A little concrete may be necessary to stabilize.

3B:- Starting a tropical garden

Position

In the area near the neighbouring fence just past the keyhole gardens.

Method

To dig out and prepare a banana ring for future planting of bananas with a papaya in the centre.

Project 3 A :- Mulching the verge.

Materials.

Newspapers

Waxed cartons

Wheelbarrow filled with water to soak newspapers.

Blood and bone to sprinkle over sparingly.

Mulching forks.

Rakes

Method

Wet newspaper in the wheelbarrow .

Spread newspaper and/ or wax cartons over grass.

Sprinkle with a little blood and bone.

Spread mulch over as liberally as possible bearing in mind what is available (i.e. I can always get more and make it thicker but important to get it covered and stop the growth.

Project 3 B :- Digging trenches around fruit trees on the verge.

Dig trenches around figs and mulberries and fill with mushroom compost and cover with mulch. Spread a little mushroom compost over the trees but not too close to the trunks and cover with lupin mulch.

Project 3 C :- Digging a swales following contours. (- if time).

To follow the contour of the land and dig trenches to catch water and make more planting zones. Fill trenches with mulch.

Project 4 with Jakki : Preparation and planting of natives and fruit.

1. Raised bed below African keyhole garden site.

Prepare ground by digging in more mushroom compost, fine peastraw, rockdust, clay and blood and bone. Dig hole for roses and artichoke alternately. These holes need to be deep and fortifies low down before planting. Artichokes are in the bud by the path under the princess gumtree. The large one needs dividing out. Please leave space for the roses.

2. Raised bed by the fence in the covered area.

Area needs fortifying as previous raised bed.
2 large holes to prepare for plums about 1 ½ metres from the wall on the lefts and the other side of the apricot in the middle. 2 plum trees to be planted in each hole as indicated i.e. the plums against the wall at each position.

3. Bed next to the driveway behind the daisy bush and the grevillia.

Remove the saltbush and mix in some of the compost to the left of the driveway. Add a little native slow release fertilizer to the hole and plant native trees x 2.

4. Area in the far corner of the vegetable area opposite the shed.

Prepare this area with mushroom compost. Prepare two Large holes very deeply putting soil aside for filling. Remainder can just go to level the ground near the fence. The holes are for avocado trees and need a lot of humus and mushroom compost .

5. Against the mattress spring on the fence.

Plant a passionfruit.

6. Behind the front wall on the verge behind the red gum.

Dig and prepare the ground and prepare holes adding clay, water saver, rockdust, mushroom compost and mix really well with earth. Plant macadamia tree and Pecan tree as positioned.

7. In the tropical area by the neighbour's fence behind the African keyhole garden.

Prepare the hole and goodies for planting a Soursop tree
Prepare the hole and goodies for planting a pomegranate tree

Project 5 with Fiona :- African keyhole gardens x 2 (if time)

Position

In front of stone pile behind raised bed at the top of the garden.

Materials and tools

Line and stake to mark out i.e. 2 metres in diameter and 0.5 m centre circle

Stakes and mesh for compost basket in the centre

Cardboard and mulch and newspaper

Spades to dig around the centre and perimeter

Stone or concrete for base and stone for walls

Newspaper, cardboard, green stuff, mulch, soil, mushroom compost

Clay, rockdust and trace elements

Method

Mark out the garden and stake out the centre mesh and fix as necessary. (0.5 diameter and 2 metre diameter for the whole garden.

Dig out the outer circle and mark the keyhole 1 foot at the centre extending to three feet at the outer edge and facing north which is the corner of the block by next doors end of driveway.

Fill up the compost ring in the centre with paper and hay and greens in the normal way of building a compost heap wetting each layer. The tagassastes in the garden can be pruned at the top and prunings used for this as well.

Lay foundation using concrete on verge or stone as required and build up filling with wet cardboard, shredded newspaper and shredded greenwaste, then hay, mushroom compost and earth with rockdust, blood and bone and trace elements added. Continue to build up and fill in this ways watering as you go until about a 1.m.25 high.

N.B. It is suggested that groups 2,3 and 4 swap with each other so that they have a change of action most likely after lunch.

