

The Wildlife Garden Project

Mini Guide to Making a Bug Hotel

Most creepy crawlies prefer messy environments with plenty of nooks and crannies to hide away in. These little critters form an essential part of our ecosystem so it's important that we help them out. Open your own bee or bug hotel and your garden will be buzzing with all sorts of weird and wonderful invertebrates in no time. The hungry birds and mammals which feed on these juicy morsels will thank you too!



Use bamboo canes to make a bee hotel to provide a place for solitary bees to make a nest. Ask an adult to help you cut the canes to size and squeeze them snugly into an old mug, plant pot or plastic pop bottle before placing it horizontally in a sunny place. Alternatively, ask an adult to drill some holes into a block of wood for the perfect bee hang out. Different sized holes will cater for different species and your hotel will be buzzing in no time!



To make a bug hotel, stack up wooden pallets and bricks, stuffing the gaps full of bamboo cane, tiles, leaves, dead wood, bark, straw, pipes, corrugated cardboard and sticks as you go. The best part is that many of these materials can be found for free around your garden! With time, your bug hotel will be used by many different invertebrates such as ladybirds, spiders, butterflies, daddy long legs, lacewings and woodlice, so keep your eyes out!



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