

BUILD A BUG HOTEL

A bug hotel is a small shelter where insects like ladybirds, bees, beetles and woodlice can hide, rest and stay safe. Building one helps local wildlife and protects nature.

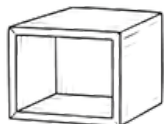


You will need:

- A wooden box
- Sticks and twigs
- Pinecones, dry leaves, bark pieces
- Paper tubes or bamboo
- Straw
- String or glue (optional)
- Scissors (adult help)

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Find your box



A wooden box works best because it stays strong outdoors.

2. Collect natural materials



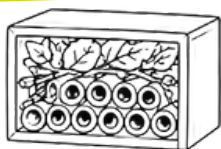
Go on a nature walk and gather materials (pinecones, dry leaves, bark pieces)

3. Fill the bottom layer



Place larger sticks and bark pieces at the bottom of the box. These spaces are good for beetles and woodlice.

4. Add a layer of pinecones and leaves and hollow tubes



Add a layer of leaves, these make cozy hiding spaces for insects. Place bamboo sticks or rolled paper tubes together, perfect for solitary bees.

5. Put the Bug Hotel outside!



Place your bug hotel in a quiet outdoor spot near flowers. Visit your bug hotel every few days and see who moves in.

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To enter, ask an adult to take a photo of your bug hotel. Upload to social media, tag @CleanupUK & use the hashtag #LOVENATUREPICKLITTER or email pics to info@cleanupuk.org.uk

*Competition closes 31.08.26

***Bug hotels work best when they are well managed, use natural materials and replace mouldy sections regularly to avoid spreading disease.**