



Care for Our Environment



Bird Feeders Juice and Milk Cartons & jugs





Twig tower block

Gather some sticks and find an undisturbed, sheltered spot outdoors. Pile them up and stuff the gaps with smaller twigs and dry leaves.

Good for: ladybirds and lacewings who will love to crawl into the crevices and hide among the leaves.

Pine cone palace for ladybirds

Gather some pine cones and bundle them together closely so the scales interlock a bit. Stuff some dried leaves in the gaps. Place the pine cones in a quiet corner of your garden shed or garage.

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<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>

Natural items

Responsibly take a walk in nature or in your garden/park to collect some of these:

- ☑ Leaves, moss and grass
- ☑ Sticks, twigs and bark
- ☑ Pinecones
- ☑ Nut shells
- ☑ Sea shells (you may have some of these)
- ☑ Stones
- ☑ Bamboo canes
- ☑ Flowers
- ☑ Rotting logs and tree stumps

Recycled items

Take a look at what you can you reuse from your house or garden:

- ☑ Milk bottles and plastic bottle
- ☑ Cardboard – tubes or rolled up
- ☑ Drain pipes
- ☑ Bricks and roof tiles
- ☑ Plant pots or old tires
- ☑ Wooden pallets
- ☑ Old drawers and photo frames
- ☑ Old shelf units/bookcases
- ☑ Chicken wire
- ☑ Lollypop sticks
- ☑ Tin cans
- ☑ Old coffee mugs

Pot pad

Collect dried out, hollow stems and pack them into an old terracotta plant pot. You'll need to cut or break the stems to the right length and pack them tightly so they don't fall out, but not so tightly that they get squashed. Find a dry spot that catches the winter sun and make a little 'nest' for your pot using a pile of stones. Place it so the open end is pointing downwards slightly to stop it filling with rain.

Good for: solitary bees who lay their eggs in hollow stems then seal the ends with mud.

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Bug Hotels

<https://www.hcandl.co.uk/sites/hcandl/files/media/Activity%20Guide%20-%20Build%20a%20bug%20hotel.pdf>

What better time to prepare your garden or the local park for all those lovely bugs, butterflies and bees!

Insects are really important for our wild and back-garden habitats. They are essential for pollinating the plants and also for breaking down all the rotting leaves and wood. No matter the size of garden you have, even if it's just a window ledge, you can create a mansion fit for any mini-beast!

But is it expensive to make a bug hotel? – No, it can be completely free! All you will need to do is look around for an unwanted storage box, draw even a small shelf unit, or why not a rummage in your recycling! After this, search in nature for objects that insect will love



<https://www.redtedart.com/simple-bug-hotel-for-kids/>

Rolled up newspaper and card



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdOwntn3Uv4>

If you have access to some basic tools