

Make your own Bug Hotel



with the Bee Friendly Trust

The average garden contains thousands of species of insects - including pollinators such as bees, butterflies, flies and moths.

Placing a bug hotel in your garden provides shelter for these insects, protecting those you already have and encouraging new ones to visit your plot. They help supplement the increasing nationwide loss of habitats. See what insects you can find!



STEP ONE

FIND A FRAME

You want something deep enough to hold your 'bedding' materials. Deep picture frames, wooden wine crates, biscuit tins, plant pots and clean soup tins work well.

STEP TWO

GATHER YOUR 'BEDDING'

- Go for a variety of reclaimed and repurposed materials.
- Pine cones, pieces of bark, twigs
 - Cut bamboo poles
 - Dried leaves
 - Cardboard toilet roll tubes
 - Broken tiles

STEP THREE

ASSEMBLE YOUR BUG HOTEL

Stuff your frame with your bedding, hollow ends facing outwards, so nothing falls out. Secure clumps of dried leaves with chicken wire and twigs with twine. Leave a lip around the edge for rain protection.

STEP FOUR

HANG YOUR BUG HOTEL

- Find a spot no higher than 1m above the ground.
- Tree foliage can provide added protection to your bug hotel.
 - Ensure your bug hotel has partial sun.

