

Make a Bug hotel



Bug hotels make the perfect Garden Craft for young explorers and scientists. They are easy to make and great for observation and exploration. Get closer to nature this summer, with this wonderful and easy garden craft for kids! Love Bugs. Love Bug Hotel DIYs!

Materials

- Sticks
- Pine Cones
- Bark
- A large plastic bottle cut into 2 cylinders
- Anything else you find - (bamboo is great too!)

Other bug hotels include materials such as corn and drilled pieces of wood – to provide different nooks and crannies or broken plant pots.

Toptip

When deciding on your materials, “**think natural**”, “**think nooks and crannies**”, “**think what will last**” (e.g. paper could go soggy and leaves will go brittle and break/disintegrate). It is great to use things from **YOUR** local environment, as you are looking to attract bugs and beetles and insects from the same local environment.

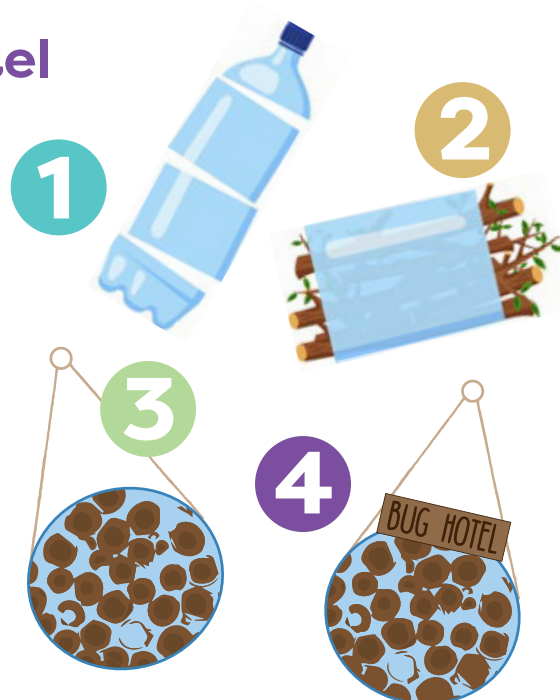
How to make a simple bug hotel

Time needed: 15 minutes

1. Cut your bottle down to size
2. Arrange your materials

Check what materials you have and arrange by size and texture – we snapped our twigs to make them a little smaller so we had larger and bigger ones.

3. Decide on the insect hotel location and add twine for hanging. If you're hanging your bug hotel, loop some garden twine round and then start layering your bug hotel. Hotels on the ground will attract different creatures than hotels on trees!
4. Make the insect hotel nice and cozy. You can stuff it to make it nice and firm, so it doesn't get blown about!



And there you have your very own bug hotel