

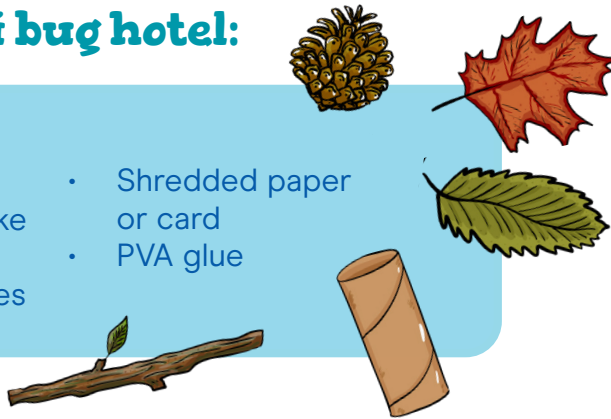
Build a Bug Hotel

Bug hotels can be all different shapes and sizes depending on space and what materials you have available. Here is an idea to try:

A simple mini bug hotel:

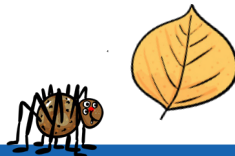
You will need:

- Cardboard tubes
- Natural materials like twigs, moss, dried leaves or pine cones
- Shredded paper or card
- PVA glue



What to do:

1. Fill the cardboard tubes with a mix of twigs, dried leaves, pine cones and any other natural materials you can find
2. Make sure the twigs are big enough to stick out of the ends of the tubes
3. Stack the tubes in a flat, shaded area- if you want you can stick the tubes together with PVA glue as it is biodegradable
4. Wait to see who visits!



Try our **seed bomb recipe** and sow with wildflower seeds to help attract visitors.

You can build a bug hotel at any time of year, but the best time to find natural materials is in autumn.

TOP TIP
Use whatever **natural materials** you can find, why not go on a walk and see what you can collect to add to your bug hotel?



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Different bugs like different things, try to include a variety of different materials, shapes and textures to make as many habitats as possible.



Now you've finished building your bug hotel, **spend some time outside** and observe what bugs come to visit! You might see ladybirds, woodlice, spiders, or centipedes, and if you're lucky you might be able to spot signs of solitary bees.

