



Adapt: Build a bug hotel

Bug hotels can be all different shapes and sizes depending on space and what you have available: here's two ideas to try.



1 A simple bug hotel

You will need:

- Cardboard tubes or tubes cut from plastic bottles
- Twigs
- Dried leaves
- Pine cones
- Shredded paper or card

What to do

- Fill the cardboard or plastic tubes with a mix of twigs, dried leaves, pine cones and other biodegradable materials you can find
- Make sure the twigs are big enough to stick out of the ends of the tubes
- Stack the tubes in a flat, shaded area
- Wait to see who visits!

2 Build a large bug hotel

You will need:

There is no precise list of materials, but you could use any of these:

- Old wooden pallets
- Strips of wood
- Straw
- Moss
- Dry leaves
- Woodchips
- Old terracotta pots
- Old roofing tiles
- Bricks, preferably those with holes through them
- Old logs
- Bark
- Pine cones
- Sand
- Soil
- Hollow bamboo canes
- Dead hollow stems cut from shrubs and herbaceous plants
- A sheet of roofing felt
- Planks of wood
- Whatever else you can find – preferably natural materials

What to do

- Choose a site that is level and firm
- Make a base out of bricks or stones placed to form the letter H
- Fill the space between the bricks with pine cones, dried leaves and grass to form the ground floor of your hotel
- Place a tile or piece of wood on top of the bricks as a base for the next floors
- Build 3-4 more floors by adding brick walls (sides only) and using wood, tiles or old pallets to create the floors. You can then fill the floors with different materials. For example:
 - Floor 1: Broken tiles
 - Floor 2: Cut twigs
 - Floor 3: Logs and bamboo
 - Floor 4: Pieces of slate
- A planter or seed tray makes a great roof. Sow with wildflower seeds to help attract visitors

We'd love to see your ideas. Please share them with us via email or social media. All details are given at the end of the pack.