

Bug HOTEL

Make bugs feel right at home in your garden by building them a cosy bug hotel from reclaimed materials and natural objects, perfect for blending into the gardens surroundings.

HRH The Duchess of Cambridge and the RHS have created a series of activity cards to inspire families to have fun, play together and engage with nature.



Plan your hotel

Get the family together and have a think about how you'd like your bug hotel to look and what sort of size you'd like to go for.

Below are some different materials you might like to use. Have a go at drawing your design on paper.

Equipment needed

- Disused wooden pallets
- Strips of wood
- Old logs with holes drilled into them
- Moss
- Old plant pots, bricks or roof tiles
- Bits of old plastic pipe cut to size
- Smaller items such as twigs, bamboo canes, pine cones, straw and dry leaves
- Materials for the roof such as a turf or moss to keep it cool

Let's make your bug hotel!

1. Use pallets and bits of wood to create a structure. About a metre high is great but hotels can come in all shapes and sizes.
2. Fill the lower part of the bug hotel with larger objects like pipes, pots (lying on their side), roof tiles and big stones. The larger spaces are great for frogs and toads to keep cool in the summer.
3. Fill up the layers of your bug hotel by adding smaller items such as pine cones, bamboo and straw. Smaller insects such as beetles, woodlice and even bees will love burrowing into these cosy spaces
4. Make sure all the parts are secure and won't fall or be disturbed by the wind.
5. When you're happy, pop a roof on top to keep the hotel dry and waterproof. You could also cover it in moss or turf to keep the hotel cool.
6. Give your hotel a name and sign and then start watching for visitors!



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