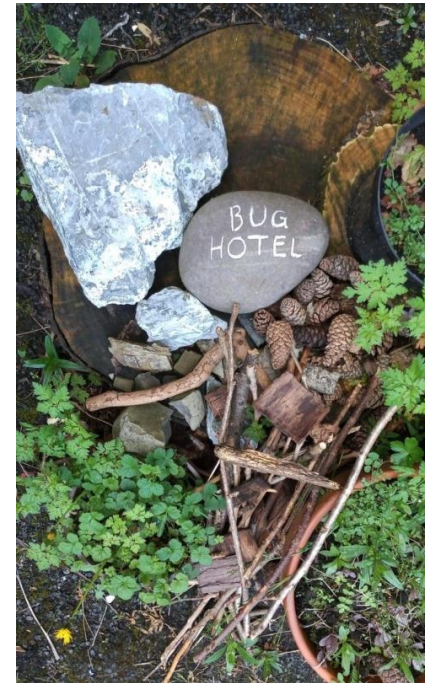


Build your own Bug Hotel

Making your own bug hotel can be as simple or sophisticated as you like. Just have fun collecting the different natural resources for the different insects. Most insects like cool, moist conditions, so arrange/build in a shady area next to a hedge or under a tree.



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Recycled materials

- Wooden pallets
- Plastic bottles
- Broken bricks and tiles
- Stone chippings
- Broken plant pots
- Corrugated cardboard
- Drainpipes

Natural Materials

- Logs and twigs
- Rotting wood
- Spare rolls of turf
- Dry leaves
- Bark
- Hollow plant stems
- Straw and hay
- Bamboo canes
- Pine cones



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- **Hollow stems, canes, and holes** drilled into blocks of wood are all ideal spots for solitary bees to lay their eggs. Because solitary bees like sunny spots, place these on the sunniest side of the insect home.
- **Stone and tiles** moist conditions for frogs and newts. They might be best lower down, on the shadiest side of the insect home.
- **Hay and straw** give insects a good place to burrow and hibernate.
- **Dry leaves** provide homes for Ladybirds
- **Rotting wood and bark** is where beetles, centipedes, spiders and woodlice love to be.
- **Twigs and Sticks** for spiders

