

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING AN INSECT HOTEL

You will need:

2 litre plastic drinks bottle, plant pot, milk carton or a cardboard coffee cup

Rolled newspaper straws or corrugated cardboard

Scissors

Sellotape



1. Cut the end off a plastic drinks bottle or milk carton if using. Plant pots and coffee cups do not need to be cut.
2. Make newspaper tubes by cutting paper lengthways and rolling up. Secure with a little bit of Sellotape so it does not come undone. Ensure there is a hole in the centre of around 4mm. Rolled corrugated cardboard can also be used.
3. Cut the material (newspaper/cardboard/straw) to the length of the pot or bottle.
4. Fit the paper straws tightly into the bottle/cup/pot so they won't fall out. Ensure the hollow ends are facing outwards and will be protected from rain.
5. Place your bug home almost horizontally in a warm spot with the open end slightly lower to prevent water logging. Bug homes are best placed no higher than 1m above the ground. The best places to put them are in a tree, bush, at the base of a tree and most importantly in a quiet place.
6. The best season to make a bug home would be early autumn, so the insects have somewhere to hibernate for the winter.
7. Take your bug hotel home/keep it safe until the autumn when you can place it in your garden and keep a watch to see who moves in.

