












Make a bee hotel



What you need

-  An open-ended container such as a small bucket, a plant pot (without holes) or a tin (without a lid)
-  Sheets of brown paper or thin card
-  A pair of scissors
-  String or a handful of small stones
-  A pencil
-  Some sticky tape

How to make it

-  Make lots of bee tunnels by rolling the pieces of paper or card around your pencil, then securing them with sticky tape and removing the pencil.
-  Trim the paper tunnels so they're just a bit shorter than the depth of your container (ask your grown-up to assist).
-  Put your container on its side and fill it with the paper tunnels until they're tightly packed and can't move.
-  Find a sunny spot that's sheltered from the rain.
-  Either make a pile of small stones on the ground and rest your bee hotel on it, or use some string to attach it firmly to a wall, fence or window box.



Wait to see if any bees come and visit your bee hotel. You'll know if a bee has laid her eggs, because she'll seal the end of the hollow stick with bits of leaf or blobs of mud. Baby bees will grow up in the tubes... and fly out the next year.