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## ACTIVITY SHEET

# How to build a mini bug hotel

Help wildlife by building a bug hotel and provide a home to many different insects and other creatures over the winter! The best bug hotels have lots of small spaces in different shapes and sizes and are made from different materials.

### WHAT TO DO

1. Use a milk carton as the basis for your mini bug hotel.
2. Fill in the gaps.  
Insert bamboo canes, drinking straws and rolled up cardboards into your milk carton. Fill in the remaining space with dry leaves, pebbles, loose bark and other materials.
3. Choose a name for your mini bug hotel and add a welcome sign.
4. Add visitors!



Here are some of the creatures you might find hiding in different parts of your hotel!

#### Loose bark, rotting wood and dry leaves

Centipede, wood louse and stag beetle

#### Tubes (hollow stems, bamboo canes and drinking straws)

Bee (Leaf cutter bee, mason bee, solitary bee), ground beetle and garden spider

#### Straw

Lacewing, devil's coach-horse

#### Stones and tiles

Smooth newt, frog,

#### Dry leaves

Ladybird

#### Corrugated cardboard

Earwig, lacewing

#### DID YOU KNOW

that an average garden could have over **2,000** different species of insects?

