



Even if you're short of space in your garden you can still make great homes for do-gooding insects by building either a mini bug hotel or a log pile lodge. Plenty of wildlife makes their home in dead wood and recycled and natural materials.

## Mini bug hotel

### You will need

- + **A mixture of the following**
  - a recycled/reused container (e.g. plastic bottle with end cut off)
  - plant pot
  - disposable coffee cup
- + **Bamboo canes**
- + **Newspaper**
- + **Corrugated cardboard**
- + **Scissors**
- + **Twigs, dry leaves, straw, pine cones etc.**
- + **Any other natural materials you can find**

### What to do

- 1 Make newspaper rolls by cutting newspaper lengthways and rolling up. Make sure the tube has a hollow middle. You can also roll up corrugated cardboard.
- 2 Cut the newspaper or cardboard to the length of your chosen container.
- 3 Place the natural materials tightly into the container so that they won't fall out. Make sure the hollow ends of bamboo canes are facing outwards and protected from the rain.
- 4 Place your bug hotel in a warm, quiet spot, no higher than 1m above the ground and with the open end slightly lower so that rain runs out. Good places are trees and bushes.

## Log pile lodge

### You will need

- + **Logs, twigs, branches and/or**
- + **Leaves and/or**
- + **Cuttings from bushes**

### What to do

- 1 Choose a shady corner of your garden. Make a small pile of logs, branches, and leaves of different sizes there.
- 2 Watch as the small pile you've created attracts big numbers of bugs to your garden.

