

Bee hotel

Online activity

Have fun creating a bee hotel to help the bugs and insects living in your garden.

Materials list

A4 paper/card to create your bee
Wire/string/pipe cleaner to hang
Sticks/bark from native trees
Plastic jar/bottle or food can
Scissors
Glue
Optional: pens, googly eyes



Instructions

1. Take a walk around your back yard or explore your local park. Look for sticks and bark from native trees. Some of the native bark dries curly, this is great to use as it creates little spaces for the bees to live.
2. Once you have all your sticks, it's time to collect all your supplies. A clean food can or plastic jar works great for the hotel, you could even use a plastic drink bottle by cutting off the top.
3. Make sure you cut two small holes in the top so that you can loop through string, wire or pipe cleaner to hang your bee hotel. Add this once you have finished decorating.
4. Use your coloured paper to cover and decorate the container. Don't forget to add eyes, legs, wings or any other parts your bug might need.
5. Once you have finished decorating it's time to prepare the home. Break the sticks into lengths that will fit into your container. Use the curly bits of bark first and then fill the rest of the container with smaller sticks.
6. Once you have it filled - your bee hotel it is ready to hang!

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