

How to make a Bug Hotel

We are surrounded by wonderful wildlife and by building a bug hotel you can bring them even closer to you. Dig around in your recycling bin and let's get going...

You will need:

A shoe box, or any other type of sturdy cardboard box.

10 – 20 toilet roll tubes - depending on the size of your cardboard box

A variety of natural materials such as pine cones, leaves, grass, bark, ferns, twigs, stones or pebbles, whatever is available in your garden or street.

Glue - if you can source an eco-friendly plastic-free glue even better.



Instructions:

Place your shoe box base-side down on a flat surface. Take your toilet roll tubes and glue in lines as shown in the image opposite.

Once the glue has dried, turn your shoe box onto its side and fill each one with the natural materials you have collected. Try a different material per tube, or experiment with a few different natural resources in each tube to see what the bugs prefer.

Bug hotels work best in a sheltered area out of direct sunlight.

Bugs can move in as quickly as two weeks but it could take longer, so be patient.

