

WHAT SHOULD I PUT IN MY BUG HOTEL?

The best part of building this house for bugs is gathering the materials. All you need to do is head to the backyard or take a short walk to find your **insect hotel materials**. You will need to find a container to put your materials in. You could use a cardboard box, bucket, wooden box or anything you can find.

You might consider making small compartments using different materials like toilet paper rolls to give the bugs place to live!

What you could use:

- twigs
- leaves
- corrugated cardboard
- small pots
- toilet paper rolls
- wood chips
- rolled up paper
- pieces of bark
- hollowed out branches, reads, or logs



HOW TO MAKE A DIY INSECT HOTEL:

STEP 1: First, you need to start with a structure in which you can insert the bug house materials. You will want to use something that will withstand the elements. Here, you can see that a wooden structure is made of scrap wood but you can use whatever you can find.

What else could you use to make a bug hotel? The size doesn't matter too much. You could use a planting pot tipped on its side even! How about an old birdhouse with the front removed. Upcycle a wooden drawer or end table even! Cookie tin anyone? There are many possibilities for the insect house structure.

STEP 2: Gather up your insect hotel materials and start putting them into the structure you have selected. You can also add some plastic or glass jars or toilet paper rolls to create more mini compartments.

A big rock can also help break up space. Make sure to give your bug friend little hidey-holes to set up their homes!



STEP 3: Get creative to fill your bug hotel! You may have to arrange and rearrange the materials several times to find the best layout or to fill the space well. Happy habitating!

