

Make a Bug & Bee Hotel!

Hollow tubes are perfect for nesting solitary bees who use the empty holes as a nest site for their young.

They lay their eggs in the holes and then seal them up with a clump of chewed mud or a leaf.

Spiders and other bugs may also use your hotel.



You will need:

Bamboo canes - 10cm to 20cm long

String, twine or wire

Tin can (optional)

Instructions

- Tie the canes together in a bundle to create your hotel. If using a tin can you can add a few fir cones too.
- Push all the bamboo sticks tightly into the can and use the twine to tie around the can and hang up.



- Hang the hotel in a sunny but sheltered part of your garden, at around 5ft above the ground. On the side of a shed or on a wooden trellis is ideal.
- Watch and enjoy your bee hotel. In spring, solitary bees may use the holes to nest, but it could take them a year to find it. In the meantime, spiders and other bugs will use the hotel too.