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How to build bug-friendly hotels at home

Building 'bug hotels' in our gardens helps create more places for invertebrates like spiders, beetles and peripatus, to live and thrive. This helps our urban bird populations, who eat bugs, as well as plant foliage, nectar and berries. You can help many different invertebrate types by creating a simple bug-friendly hotel in your own garden.

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YOU'LL NEED:

Old logs or old bricks, sticks, leaf litter, wood chips, moss

HOW TO:

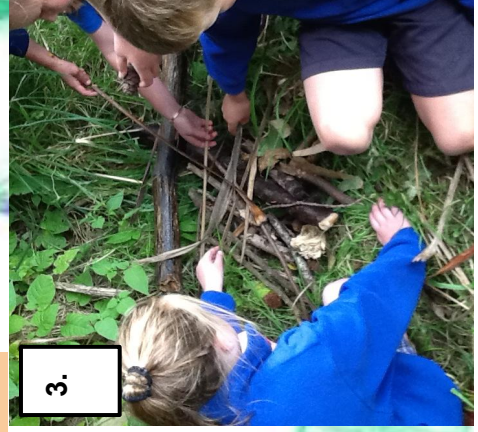
- Step 1.** Find a shady, often damp spot that can be left undisturbed after your hotel is made. Places under bushes are good spots.
- Step 2.** Gather your supplies from around your garden. Try to use a mix of bricks or larger logs (that decay slowly), leaf litter and thinner sticks.
- Step 3.** Build a sturdy stack with the logs or bricks, sprinkling smaller items between the layers to fill the gaps up to about your knees so bugs can move up and down in your stack to find moisture during hot, dry times.



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Congratulations you're done!

Bugs will soon find your creation and make themselves at home. Remember that natural decay will be inevitable because we used garden materials; this will make it a great environment for them.

