

# Building Bug Hotels

## YOU'LL NEED:

Natural, biological materials, like old logs, sticks, leaf litter, wood chips and moss.



**Why**  
Building 'bug hotels' in our garden helps create more places for invertebrates like spiders, beetles and Peripatus, to live and thrive. This helps our urban bird population, which eat bugs.

Congratulations you're done!  
Invertebrates will soon find your creation and make themselves at home. Remember that your decay will be inevitable because we used garden materials; this will make it a good environment for them.



## How To

- Step 1.** Find a spot in the garden that is shady often damp and can be left undisturbed after your hotel is made. Places under bushes are good spots.
- Step 2.** Gather your supplies from around the 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 to ensure the bugs can move up and down in your stack to find moisture during hot, dry times.



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