

How to Build a Bug-Friendly Hotel

Green Island School

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Building 'bug hotels' helps create places for invertebrates like spiders, beetles and peripatus, to live and thrive and helps our urban bird populations who eat bugs.

YOU'LL NEED

Old logs
Wood Chips
Moss
Leaf litter
Old Bricks
Sticks

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.

Congratulations you're done!

Invertebrates 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.