



DIY Insect Hotel

Background: Did you know not all insects live in a hive? Many bees and pollinators use holes in trees, twigs, and even mud to lay their eggs, shelter storms, find food, or even hibernate. By providing them “homes” we can ensure they prosper and provide us with flowers, fruits and vegetables to come!

Materials: Milk carton (or large plastic bottle /or shoe box), toilet paper rolls and other recycled materials, natural materials (for fill), scissors, string.

Step 1: Collect your natural materials, this could be anything from: small sticks, leaves, grass clippings, pinecones, moss, nut shells... anything that will provide cavities, dimension, and variety to pollinators.

Step 2: Create your “hotel”. We used an empty milk carton. Cut a large “doorway” out of the side of the carton, this will be where you place your reusable and natural materials.

Step 3: Pack in your materials. Find ways to place items

Step 4: If you’d like to hang your bug hotel poke a hole through the top of the carton and thread through your string or twine.

Step 5: Find a sunny spot in your neighborhood or on your balcony to place your hotel, ideally at least 4 ft. above ground level. Check up on who may have moved in! Just be careful not to scare the newcomers!

