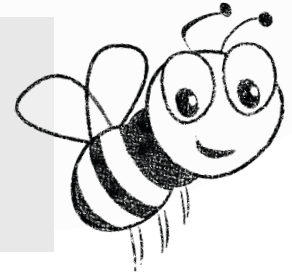


Bee Hotel

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Bees are so important! Because of them, we get pretty flowers to look at and fresh fruit and vegetables to eat. Since we love bees so much, let's build them a hotel! Make sure you get an adult to help you use some of these tools.



What is a bee hotel?

A bee hotel is a place for solitary bees to go and lay eggs. It also keeps them safe from other bugs or animals! Solitary bees don't want to sting you because they don't have a nest to protect. All they want is a safe place to lay eggs.

Supplies

- A milk carton, bucket, pipe or old crate. Make sure it's waterproof!
- Wood blocks or logs
- Straws (bubble tea straws) or hollow stalks like bamboo

Instructions

1. Get an adult to help you drill $\frac{1}{4}$ inch holes into the wood blocks. Try to make them around 3 to 6 inches deep.
2. Put the wood blocks into your waterproof container. Add the straws or bamboo stalks around the blocks.
3. Hang your bee hotel outside. Try to put it close to some flowers and hang it so that it doesn't move in the wind. Make it so the entrance points east or southeast so it faces where the sun rises! You can even put a piece of wood on top of it to protect it from the rain. Bees don't like movement, so you want it to be secure and stable in a high place where other people won't move it.
4. Finally, check out your hotel and watch for any bees!

