How to build hidey holes

For amphibians
In a damp, cool area of the garden, dig a shallow bowl in the ground and line with sand. Cover with a slab, leaving enough room for an upward sloping tunnel.

gently lift in mild weather to check for occupants

growing slab

trowel

For hedgehogs
Rake a pile of dry leaves in a quiet, unused corner of the garden (under a bush is best). Build a mesh of twigs and branches around the pile, and leave an entrance space at the bottom.

dry leaves

twigs and branches

For minibeasts
Stack up a log pile as the bottom layer and cover with rubble or bricks (air bricks have ready made hidey holes!) Cover the pile with branches and garden cuttings.

branches and garden trimmings

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