

WILL YOU LOVE BUGS?

Build this bug hotel and encourage bugs and other insects to your patch of nature!

WHY BUGS NEED YOUR HELP

They may be small, but the jobs that bugs and other insects do for nature have a BIG impact on life on earth.

As well as being amazing pollinators and clean up crews, they are the main source of food for lots of other animals like birds, bats and reptiles.

But the number of insects in the UK is going down dramatically. What's more, a massive **41% of species are threatened with extinction.**

WE NEED YOU TO BE A BACKYARD NATURE GUARDIAN

Your mission is to help bugs and other insects to thrive again by making them welcome on your patch of nature. Because by tackling the nature crisis close to home, you will help protect the planet for the future.



SHIELD BUG

HOW TO HELP

1. Follow the instructions on the back of this sheet to make your own bug hotel!
2. Keep your guests safe and warm by putting your hotel in a sheltered spot like under a bush, in a shed or underneath another covered outdoor area.
3. Snap a photo of what you're doing to show other people why they should Love Bugs too! Share with your friends and family and on social media using #BackyardNature and #LoveBugs.

FIND OUT MORE

Watch the how-to video and sign up to be a Backyard Nature Guardian at

backyardnature.org/love-bugs



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BUG HOTEL

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Glue

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ROOMS AVAILABLE

LADYBIRD

WOODLOUSE

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR BUG HOTEL

Stuff you'll need

- Scissors – make sure there's an adult to help
- Glue, sticky tape or string (natural material if possible)
- Dry sticks or twigs – perfect for ladybirds to hibernate in
- Rolled newspaper or cardboard straws
- Dry leaves – to mimic what's on the forest floor
- Straw – insects can burrow in and hibernate
- Loose bark – lots of insects and other minibeasts love to lurk beneath wood and bark
- Optional: recycled plastic bottles, toilet rolls and bits of cardboard

Instructions

1. Colour in your bug hotel – make it yours!
2. Cut along the dotted lines on the top of this sheet
3. Fold along the lines to make a triangular shape
4. Stick down the tabs with glue or tape, or you could use string to secure
5. Tightly stuff your bug hotel with the materials listed on the left
6. Put your bug hotel on your patch of nature!

WHERE TO PUT YOUR BUG HOTEL

- This hotel is only suitable for sheltered spots like under a bush, in a shed or underneath a covered outdoor area.
- This hotel is perfect for your own patch, but isn't suitable for public patches as you don't want to be a litter-bug!
- Your hotel should be no higher than a metre above the ground.

For other types of bug hotels and more ideas on how to make your patch a wildlife haven, visit the Backyard Nature website: backyardnature.org/Love-bugs

ANTS

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BUTTERFLY

BEE