

# Make Your Own Insect Hotel

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## INSECT HOTEL

NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF THE FOOD WE EAT DEPENDS ON THEM, AND 85% OF PLANT SPECIES RELY ON POLLINATION. INSTEAD OF MONOCULTURES, IT'S WORTH PLANTING NECTAR-RICH FLOWERS THAT BLOOM THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SAFE SHELTERS, WE HELP ENSURE BIODIVERSITY.

- 2-8 MM, IDEAL FOR MOST INSECTS.

- ALWAYS USE WOOD, STRAW, CLAY, BAMBOO, ETC.

- FINE WIRE MESH CAN KEEP BIRDS FROM DISTURBING THE INSECTS.

STRAW SHELTER FOR LACEWINGS.



THICK BRANCHES DRILLED HOLES ATTRACT SOLITARY WASPS AND BEES.

BRICKS WITH HOLES PERFECT FOR SOLITARY BEES; HOLES MUST NOT EXCEED 10 MM.

CLAY POTS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN AND FILLED WITH STRAW, ATTRACT EARWIGS

BAMBOO/HOLLOW STEMS IDEAL FOR MASON AND LEAFCUTTER BEES.

SHRUB STEMS ROSE, BARBERRY, OR RASPBERRY STEMS PROVIDE NESTING SITES FOR HOVERFLIES AND POLLINATORS.

CONES AND DRY LEAVES SHELTER FOR LADYBUGS AND OTHER BENEFICIAL INSECTS.



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