

Simple Bug hotel instructions



This easy bug hotel is probably as simple and as easy as it gets – there are many prettier and cleverer bug hotels out there, but sometimes, you just have to make do with what you have and also make it easy for the children to join in. Even our sensory learners can join in exploring the materials whilst you make this with them and feeling the bugs like woodlice crawling on their hands.

Simple Bug Hotel – Materials:



- *A large plastic bottle cut into two cylinders,*
- *sticks,*
- *pine cones,*
- *bark*
- *String or garden twine*
- *Anything else you can find – bamboo with its holes is great too!*

Instructions

- 1) We cut our bottle down to shape (please can the adult do this)
- 2) We collected what materials we could find and arranged by size and texture – we snapped our twigs to make them a little smaller. Had larger and bigger ones. Arranged pinecones.



- 3) If you plan to hang your bug hotel, loop some garden twine round and then start layering your bug hotel. We did one hotel for on the ground and one for hanging from a tree to see if it would attract different creatures.
- 4) Stuff it to make it nice and firm, so it doesn't get blown about!
- 5) Place it in your garden and go back to see what bugs you have found next week. I will plan some insect identification sheets for next week so look out for them.
- Don't forget to take a picture if you can and put it on the gallery for us all to see your creations.