

OUTDOOR BOX BUG HOTELS

Outdoor activities are at the heart of Scouting.

This activity is for Cubs but any section or leaders could take part too !

What you need:

- Tin Cans
- Newspaper
- Small Sticks
- Straw or Other Natural Materials



How to make it:

Create a simple Bug Hotel to give insects a place to shelter and breed.

You can create one and lodge it into a space in a wall or sheltered part of the garden or you could make a number of tin can bug hotels and join them together to make a complex of accommodation for mini-beasts.

1. Make sure the tin can is clean and dry and does not have a really sharp edge.
2. Cut strips of newspaper the slightly shorter in width than the tin can and tightly roll them into tubes.
3. Cut the small sticks into lengths slightly shorter than the tin can,
4. Fill the can with tubes, sticks and other natural materials such as straw, dried grass or rolled leaves.
5. Place in a sheltered part of the garden, making sure that the open end of the bug hotel points slightly downwards so that it does not fill up with water when it rains.

Greater things for the great outdoors:

Why not look on the internet to try to identify the mini-beasts that visit your garden.

You could keep a record of the number of each type of insect that visit your garden – which is the most popular one?

Safety Notes:

Online Access: Supervise young people when they're online and give them advice about staying safe.

Scissors / Sharp Objects: Supervise young people appropriately when they're using scissors. Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

Gardening and Nature: Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.

Rubbish and Recycling: All items should be clean and suitable for this activity.

