

BUILD A BUG HOUSE

Insects are an integral part of any successful ecosystem, especially in gardens! Promote backyard species diversity by attracting the smallest critters. Create an inviting home for pollinating insects by building a bug house. Use a variety of plant materials in a decorative design that will encourage all sorts of garden friends to lodge.

SUPPLIES

- Clean and empty plastic bottles
TIP: Two-liter size works best!
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Long strand of twine
- Items to fill the house, including twigs, leaves, bark, paper, pine cones, broken clay pot pieces, hollow bamboo reeds or paper straws



INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Ask your adult to cut the plastic bottle in half. You'll use the base for your bug house.

Step 2: To hang the house, punch two holes in your bottle base. Thread twine through the holes and tie the ends in a knot.

Step 3: Tightly fill your bottle base with items you have collected.

Step 4: Hang your finished bug house where you'd like to see more pollinators. Perhaps next to a garden or in a flowering tree.

SHOW US! We want to see your bug houses. Share your photos on social media using #PEMpod