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
- Two long strand of twine
- Items to fill the house, including twigs, leaves, bark, paper, pine cones, broken clay pot pieces, or paper straws

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Step 2: To securely hang the house, punch two holes in your bottle base. Thread both strands of twine through the holes and tie ends in a knot at opposite sides. Punch a final hole at the bottom of your hanging house for drainage.

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

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

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