

Bug Hotel Ideas

The guide below has some suggestions about how to could create your bug hotel, however you might have your own, different ideas. You could also use the internet to research bug hotels that other people have constructed. I have also added some photographs on the next page to give you some more ideas and inspiration.

You will need:

A suitable container or area in your outdoor area, preferably wooden	Clay drainage tubes
Compost	Fir cones
Fertile soil	Dry leaves
Pieces of wood (various sizes)	Bark
Different sized/shaped stones	Straw, hay
Bricks	Dead wood/sticks
Old roof tiles	Plants that will attract insects

Method

1. Choose either an area in your outdoor area or a wooden container and place it on the ground.
2. If the container hasn't already got holes in, make some holes in the bottom. That will create drainage and let minibeasts crawl in.
3. Fill the container with compost and fertile soil.
4. Use your resources to build various places for minibeasts to live.
5. Woodlice and beetles will like wood/sticks and if stacked, the minibeasts can crawl through them.
6. Plants will attract the crawling bugs like caterpillars, snails and spiders.
7. Butterflies and bees will like nectar-rich flowering plants.
8. It's up to you how much you put in your bug hotel.
9. Observe the hotel over time and see which minibeasts it attracts.
10. Can you find out which areas each kind of minibeast like best?



