

Fun stuff!

Make it

Bug hotel!



What you'll need

- Empty plastic juice bottle
- Foam sheets
- Old pair of tights
- Rocks, grass, leaves, twigs
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sticky tape

Start here!



1 First, wash and dry the empty juice bottle and remove the label. Then, ask an adult to help you cut out a rectangle shape from one of the sides.



2 Carefully place your natural materials into the bottle. Start with the rocks and then use the twigs, grass and leaves to make a home fit for a bug-king!



3 Next, carefully cut a piece from the tights big enough to cover the square hole, then stick it to the bottle with the tape.



4 Take the foam and cut out a rectangle slightly bigger than the hole in the bottle. Cut another rectangle about 2cm inside the first, creating a frame shape.



5 Now, glue the foam frame over the tights, take the lid off the bottle and place it in long grass. Then wait for the bugs to check in!

TOP TIP! Check your bug hotel each day and make a note of any new arrivals!



WILD ISLES!

You've read about some of the world's endangered species in this issue. But did you know that there are many creatures here in the UK and Ireland that need help, too?

BEAUTIFUL BEETLES

Stag beetles are the UK's largest beetle, growing up to 7cm in length! Named 'stags' because of the males' huge jaw-like mandibles, they once lived across much of Western Europe, but are sadly now extinct in some countries.



Stag beetles are big bugs!

How cute are these two?!



SQUEAK FOR SURVIVAL

The hazel dormouse is Britain's only native dormouse species. Sadly, over recent years the tiny rodent's population has declined due to loss of hedgerows and woodland. They're now only found in southern parts of England and Wales.

PRICKLY PALS

You may think that the UK and Ireland's only spiny mammal is common, but there's evidence of a drastic decline in hedgehog numbers over the last few decades. With the loss of hedgerows and permanent grasslands, there are now fewer places for them to hide from predators.



Hedgehogs have 5,000 spines!

Find out more about protecting our native species at ptes.org

Q Where's the best place to buy bugs? A At a flea market! Q How do bees get to school each morning? A On the school buzz!

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