Give nature a home



Build your bug hotel (also known as a wildlife hotel or stack) well and it could shelter anything from hedgehogs to toads, solitary bees to bumblebees, and ladybirds to woodlice.

You can build your bug hotel at any time of year, but you may find you have most natural materials such as straw, dry grass and hollow plant stems in autumn.

How to build a bug hotel

• Mix a handful of assorted canes together and stuff some straw in between the canes.

• Tie the canes together at each end with a double knot.



• Put another tie in the middle for a longer piece of string to hang on something in your garden or the nearest outdoor space.

• Take your bug hotel home to provide winter shelter for ladybirds and other bugs.