



Connecting To Nature

Making Homes for Minibeasts

Minibeasts, creepy crawlies, insects—they are all super important for nature and they need our help! A simple way we can help is by building homes for them in our gardens or local parks.

A Minibeast Hotel fit for Royalty!

Please only do this activity on your own private land, or where you have permission from the landowner. When collecting materials and resources, please do this responsibly and sensibly. Please don't damage living things. Only collect materials that are already on the ground.


Resources and materials that could be used (but you may be more creative and think of other things):

- Old wooden pallets
- Bricks
- Wooden logs and sticks
- Moss
- Dry leaves
- Old roofing tiles
- Pine cones
- Bark
- Woodchips
- Roofing felt



Please turn over to find out how to make something like this

How to:

- Choose a suitable place for your hotel. This should be on relatively level, flat and solid ground. Dependent on where you can put your hotel, may lead to different types of guests. For example some minibeasts will prefer shady, damp conditions whereas others will like the sun.
- The important thing to note is that the hotel needs a really solid base and structure! It can be as big or as small as you want, but it needs to stay in one piece. We would recommend not building your hotel more than a meter high, and to use old wooden pallets for the main frame. You can either use a pallet as your base, or you can use old bricks and then put your first pallet on top.
- You can then use more bricks and continue adding pallets, until you have a few 'levels'
- It is then time to fill the gaps! Using your other materials fill in your framework to provide lots of different types of 'rooms'. So make sure you leave gaps, and have different sized holes throughout the hotel. Using different sorts of natural materials (dry leaves, sticks, moss etc.) will provide lots of different minibeasts the opportunity to find a home.
- If you have roofing felt, don't forget to add a roof to your hotel after it has been built! Put a large sheet of felt on across the top, and use more bricks to hold it in place, or put some tacks/nails through the roof felt into the wood below (mind your fingers). You could use bricks, thick logs, soil or rubble, if you don't have any felt.

