

Bug Hotel

Get creative and create a hotel for some of the creepy crawlies in the great outdoors. You will need to use your engineering skills to construct your very own bug house.

Find a suitable area outside to construct your bug hotel, You will get different bugs depending on where you make your bug house. Some bugs like cool, damp conditions and others like dry warm places.

You will need to find different items and materials to construct your bug hotel; stones, bricks, twigs, leaves, cardboard. Dead wood and cardboard are great for bugs like beetles, centipedes, spiders and woodlice. Dry leaves and sticks for ladybirds and grass hoppers.

Start off by making a good solid foundation of stones or bricks, then build the layers of your bug hotel up.

Make your house as tall as possible with as many layers as you can.

Once you have constructed your bug hotel you will need to leave it for a number of weeks before you can see any of the inhabitants. Look for clues to see if you have any guests in your hotel i.e. cobwebs etc

What you will need?

Stones, bricks, twigs, leaves, cardboard

How do I gain credits for this Children's University activity?

Simply take part in the activity and evidence your wonderful work. Make a note of the special 'Activity Stamp Code' at the bottom of this page and take it into school. If you have a Passport to Learning call the Activity '*Enrich Education Online*' and write down the activity code in the '*Stamp of Approval*' section.