



What do I need?

Recycled plastic bottle

Recycled cardboard box

Newspaper pages

Drinking straws

Twigs

Scissors

Twine

Ruler



recycled bee
hotel

What do I do?

Carefully use your scissors to remove the top and bottom of your plastic bottle to create a cylinder.

Cut your cardboard box into 10cm strips.

Measure the height of your plastic cylinder with your ruler, then trim your newspaper pages, cardboard strips, straws and twigs to the same length.

Roll your newspaper into thin tubes a little bigger than a drinking straw. Try to make some tubes bigger than others to attract bees of all shapes and sizes. Now do the same with your strips of cardboard.

Now, fill your plastic cylinder with your newspaper and cardboard tubes, straws and twigs. Pack the materials in tightly so they can't slide around.

Make sure the paper and card tubes and the straws stay open for bees to crawl inside.

Cut a length of twine, wrap it around your bee hotel a few times then tie it tightly in a double knot to secure the materials inside and stop them falling out.

Attach a second length of twine to your bees hotel so you can hang it out in your garden.

Hang your bee hotel in your garden in a sunny spot facing towards the sun. Make sure to place it at least a metre off the ground with no plants blocking the holes.