

Build a Bug Home



No matter how big or small your garden is you can still help the tiny critters by providing shelter, feeding areas and breeding spots. So take a look at our guide to see how to make some simple bug home in your garden at home.

Minibeast Motel!

Providing shelter for minibeasts is really important – especially for species that need somewhere to hide during wet weather or during the colder months. You could end up with millions of minibeasts visiting if you create one of these magnificent minibeast motels or bubble wrap blankets!

There really is no wrong way, so let your imagination go wild and create your own little masterpiece.

Idea 1: place untreated wood or make log piles in shady spots in your garden

Idea 2: Collect and bundle together twigs and place in a quiet area of the garden. Why not have a go at making a mini twig tent or wigwam. Then fill it with leaves, small twigs, moss etc. to create a lovely dark, cosy area

Idea 3: Build a dry stone wall! Don't panic it doesn't have to be a whole wall, or even a wall. Simply collect together stones or pieces of broken garden pots and build mounds or piles to create cracks and crevices to provide shelter, and breeding areas.

Bubble Wrap Blankets

You will need:

Bubble wrap minimum size 30cm²

Double sided tape

Black plastic

String

How to do it

Step 1: Cut two pieces of bubble wrap that are at least 30cm²

Step 2: Put the two pieces of bubble wrap together with the bubbles facing together. Stick the bubble wrap together using the double sided sticky tape. Only small squares of tape are needed as you don't want to tape all the edges closed.

Step 3: Put the black plastic on one side of the Bubblewrap but do not stick this down.

Step 4: Put the bubble wrap against the tree on the bark at the bottom of the trees truck. Make sure you have got the black plastic as the outside layer and tie it to the tree with the string.

Step 5: Wait a while! It is best to leave it over the winter as this is when your bug home will be needed the most.

Step 6: Knock, Knock who's there?! Check who is living in your cosy home by peeling back the black plastic and peeping at the bubble wrap against the tree.