

HZAA Insect Hotel

An insect hotel is a safe shelter that is built to help insects.

Insects are important because they pollinate plants, break down dead leaves, and help gardens grow.

Building an insect hotel gives them a safe place to hide from hot or bad weather, predators, rest and sometimes even lay their eggs.

By making one, you are helping nature and becoming a wildlife hero!



What You Need:

A small wooden box or sturdy cardboard box

Cardboard pieces

Hollow sticks or bamboo; anything that is small and hollow

Leaves, bark, rocks, dried flower heads or pinecones: anything natural

Dry grass or straw

Small rocks or bricks

Hot glue gun

An adult to help (especially when using the hot glue gun)

Method:

Use cardboard or small pieces of wood to make sections in your box. You might need to use the hot glue gun to secure it.

Fill each section with a single or mixed natural material like dried plants, hollowed items, sticks, pine cones and dried flowers.

Pack them in tightly, you may need to use the hot glue gun to secure your items.

Choose a spot in your garden that has living plants in it and securely position your insect hotel.

Observe the species that use your hotel.

