

Make a bee hotel



Hollow tubes are perfect for nesting solitary bees who use the empty holes as a nest site for their young. They lay their eggs in the holes and then seal them up with a clump of chewed mud or a leaf. These beautiful bees are brilliant at pollinating flowers.



How to make it:



Ask an adult to help you **cut the bamboo** canes into 10-20cm long pieces.



Tie the canes together in a bundle to create your hotel.



Hang the hotel in a sunny but sheltered part of your garden, at around 5ft above the ground. On the side of a shed or on a wooden trellis is ideal.



Watch and enjoy your bee hotel. In spring, solitary bees may use the holes to nest, but it could take them a year to find it. In the meantime, spiders and other bugs will use the hotel too.

You will need:

- Bamboo canes
- A saw to cut the canes
- String, twine or wire

