

# Learning in the Leaves

Hedgehog House



## Materials:

Wooden wire crate or a sturdy wooden box, with a lid  
length of approx 15cm x 2cm timber - UNTREATED  
galvanised nails  
length of hose pipe - approx 1 metre  
Jig saw, drill and hammer  
25mm drill bit

## Method:

- 1.) Start by making the tunnel. Cut the timber into four equal lengths and nail them together lengthways. Make sure the opening is at least 12cm square.
- 2.) Use a saw to cut a hole out of one side of the box close to the base. Ensure the hole can house the tunnel you created.
- 3.) Drill a hole in the back of the box near the top and insert the hose through it for ventilation making sure the outer end of the hose curves downwards to stop rain getting in.
- 4.) Attach two lengths of 2cm thick wood to the bottom of the box to act as feet and raise it off the floor. Screw or nail from the inside of the box.
- 5.) Insert the tunnel and fix at an angle so it touches the ground.
- 6.) Two thirds fill the house with dry leaves or dust free hay, not straw, and replace the lid. Hide the hedgehog house under some evergreen bushes or shrubs with the entrance away from prevailing wind.
- 7.) Cover the house with dry leaves and soil. Then cover with a polythene sheet.
- 8.) Then cover again, ensuring the entrance is free.



Polythene Sheet

Soil and Dead Leaves

Hose Pipe

Entrance 12 cm high

Wire Mesh

Wooden Box

