

Learning in the Leaves

Creating a Bug House



Materials:

Container: You will need a container for your stuffing material. This maybe made from man made or natural materials . For example a tin can, a plastic bottle or a wooden box.

Stuffing Material: Your choice of stuffing material will depend on what you have available and the container you are trying to fill.

Fixings: Use of screws to attach wooden houses to a tree, maybe string to hang the bug house in a tree.

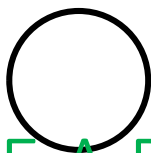
Stuffing Materials:

Material
Hollow Bamboo Cane
Corrugated cardboard
Pinecones
Drilled Logs
Dry Leaves
Pampas Grass
Straw and Hay
Cardboard rolls
Newspaper
Deadwood
Loose Bark

Method:

Bug houses are very simple to make and involve a similar method no matter what container or stuffing material you choose. Essentially, you ensure your container has open access and the fill it with your chosen material or material(s). Once filled you hang or fix the bug house in the required location.

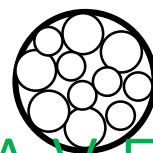
Example Tin Can Bug House



Remove both ends of a tin can using a tin opener.



Thread through string to hang when finished.



Fill tin can with cut to length Bamboo Cane. Hang in Tree.



This design can be simple changed by altering the stuffing material. However if leaving an area after use for forest school sessions you will want to remove any man made materials.