

bug hotel

If you want minibeasts to live in your garden, build them a bug hotel! You can make big ones or small ones, like in the pictures.

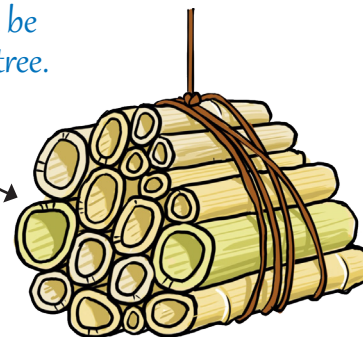
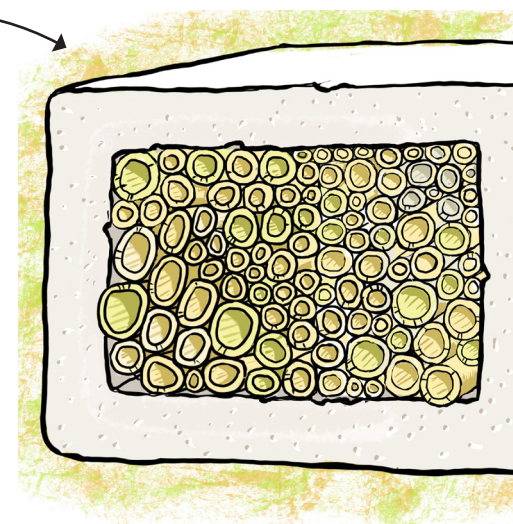
This bug hotel has lots of logs too. The logs make great homes for reptiles like lizards, skinks and geckoes. They like to hide in there for the winter.

Don't be disappointed if your bug hotel stays empty for a while! Some minibeasts are suspicious and can take months to get used to the lovely homes you make for them.

All you need for these simple bug hotels are bits of cane or reed bunched together. Experiment with different sizes of cane and ways of bunching them, find out which the bugs prefer.

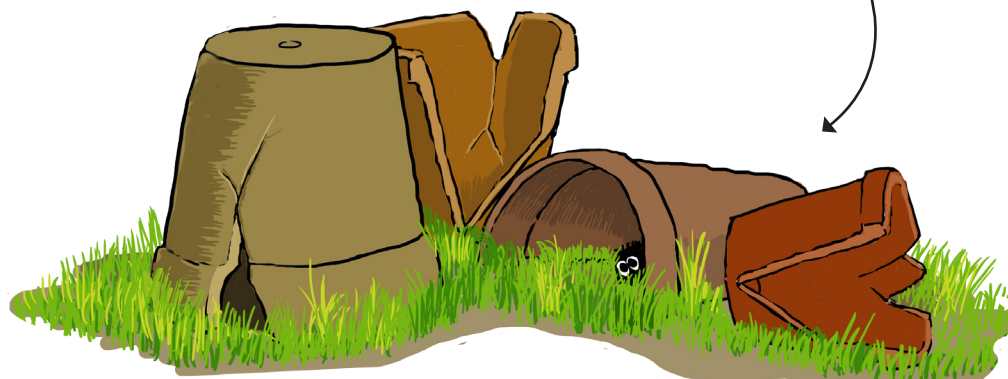
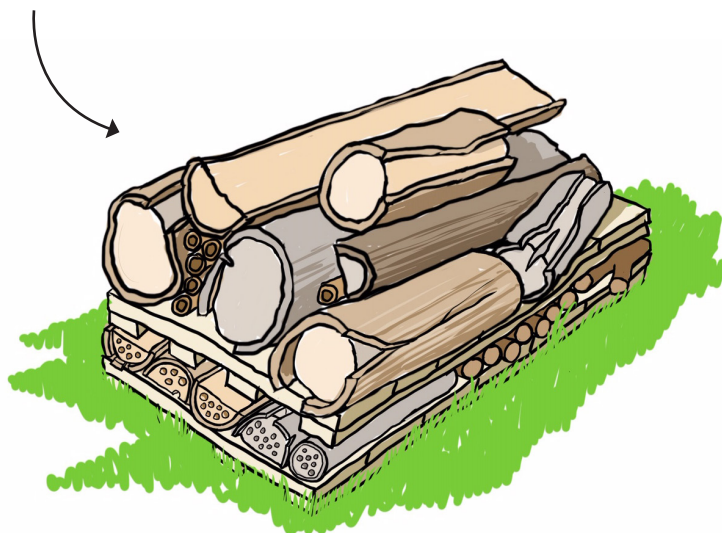
This one can be hung from a tree.

This one is tucked up in a brick.



This bug hotel is made of broken earthenware pots. They make great homes and shelters for minibeasts.

ATTENTION Never leave any pots upright or lizards may get trapped inside.



woody homes

If you have a log or a bunch of twigs, don't burn them. Use them to make woody homes for minibeasts. Many minibeasts eat the wood too, so that's home and restaurant too!

A pile of logs can be great for lizards to hunt for ants. Watch out for mushrooms too.



A pile of twigs is great for minibeasts. Wood does not get too cold in winter, and that's just what lizards and geckoes love.



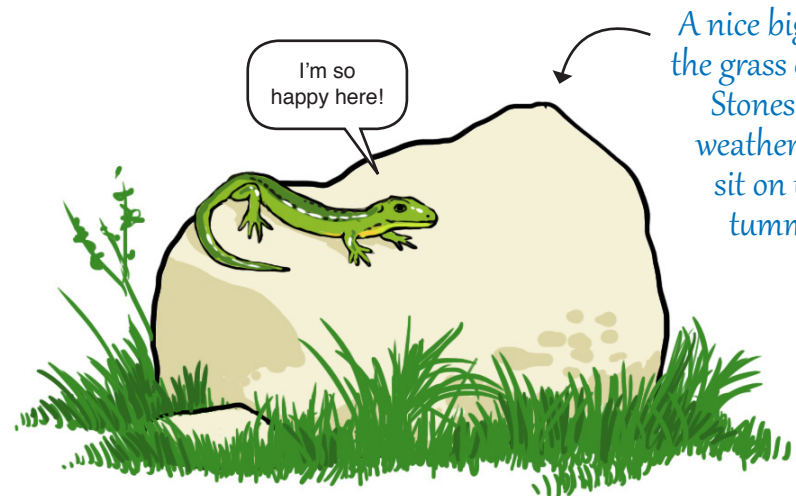
A dead log can be great for insects and woodlice. They love to hide under the bark



stony homes

A pile of stones can be a great home for minibeasts and reptiles too.

Many minibeasts don't like light. A pile of stones is a good place where to look for shade under the stones.



A nice big stone standing in the grass can get you lizards. Stones get warm in sunny weather and lizards love to sit on them to warm their tummy! Birds too like to perch on stones.

A rubble wall is a great home for minibeasts and other animals. Snails, lizards, geckoes and even skinks and hedgehogs live there. Many plants too grow from rubble walls.

