

Making a Bee Hotel

You will need:

- a clear plastic bottle (a small one is best)
- brown paper (old bags, wrapping paper or envelopes are fine)
- string
- ruler
- pencil
- scissors
- glue or sticky tape
- craft knife (and someone to make sure you don't injure yourself with it)

- Step 1** Rinse out the bottle and remove any labels
- Step 2** Cut the top portion of the bottle with the craft knife (supervision or help required)
- Step 3** Cut about 30 rectangles about 5cm wide and slightly shorter than the length of your bottle long from your brown paper – pencil and ruler might make this easier
- Step 4** Roll each piece of paper round your pencil to make straw shapes – if they are a bit loose then re-roll them tighter. Secure them with glue or sticky tape. Make them different diameters.
- Step 5** Insert each straw into your bottle until it is filled up (you might need to make more than 30)
- Step 6** Tie string round the middle of the bottle so that it hangs horizontally and then tie it into a tree or bush
- Step 7** Wait and watch – when you get bugs moving in, let us know. You can also send a picture of you finished bee hotel.

