

Bee Box

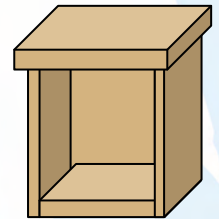


In the wild many solitary bees and wasps make their homes or hibernate in hollow stems or holes left by other insects such as beetles. You could encourage these insects by creating an artificial home.

You will need

A container such as a tin, flower pot or wooden box

- A selection of hollow twigs, plant stems, bamboo or straws
- Plasticine
- String or twine



What to do

1. Push the plasticine into the bottom of the container.
2. Place one stem into the container and trim so that it does not stick out. Take it back out and trim all of the other stems to this length.
3. Fill the container with the hollow stems, pushing firmly into the plasticine.
4. Attach with the string to the stem of a shrub, a tree trunk or wall.
Make sure the stems are sloping gently downwards so that they do not fill with water.
Put in a sunny, open, south-facing location as bees like the hot weather.

