

Making a Bee Hotel



A bee hotel is a place where solitary bees can make their nest and lay their eggs! By providing a safe nesting site for them, you'll help the bees and attract pollinators to your yard!

Supplies:

- Mason Jar
- Paper Straws
- Glue
- String/Twine/Rope

Steps:

1. Completely wash and dry mason jar
2. Fold one end of paper straws over so the bees don't spend time plugging the holes
3. Pack mason jar with enough straws to the point they don't feel loose. If needed, you can make more straws by rolling parchment paper.
4. Tie a string or twine around the jar and use glue if needed to secure jar.
5. Hang bee hotel in a south facing direction at least 3 feet off the ground.



Tips & Tricks:

- You can tell bees are using your hotel when they make a mud “door” to cover the entrance hole. This means a female bee has laid an egg inside.
- At the end of the summer, bring the entire nest into a garage or basement, at the start of spring, hang the nest back outside and the bees will emerge
- After the bees emerge in the spring, replace the straws for new ones