

## Pledge 3

### Build a minibeast hotel

Safe hideaways can be hard for wildlife to find in some gardens but you can buy ready-made minibeast hotels or build your own!

First collect as many of these as you find...

Old wooden pallets, strips of wood, straw, moss, dry leaves, woodchips, old terracotta pots, old roofing tiles, bricks (with holes in), old logs, bark, pine cones, sand, soil, hollow bamboo canes, dead hollow stems cut, a sheet of roofing felt and planks of wood.



Next its time to get building

1. In a quiet patch in your garden with firm and level ground create a strong and stable framework, no more than a metre high.
2. Start by laying bricks to elevate the first pallet but if you can't find any bricks don't worry.
3. Stack a few pallets on top of each other until the hotel is as tall as you want, no taller than 1.5 metres.
4. Next fill in all the gaps! Minibeasts love nothing more than lots of dark small spaces. Provide as many different materials, nooks and crannies, crevices, tunnels and cosy beds as possible.
5. Add a roof to keep the hotel nice and dry. You could even plant some nectar-rich flowers.



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