MAKING A BUG BOX

Bug boxes or hotels are a fantastic way to attract a range of insects in your garden or school. Watch them crawl in and out of the box, weave webs and make nests in the tubes. The box must be placed somewhere dry, on the ground in a shaded area or on a wall facing north to reduce direct sunlight, wind and rain.

Materials:
- Wooden box with one side open
- Bamboo canes cut into short lengths
- Sticks
- Leaves
- Grass
- Bark
- Pebbles
- Pine cones

STEP 1. FORAGE FOR MATERIALS
You’ll find most of what you need for your box outside.

STEP 2. START PACKING
You can place things in randomly, like this...
Or make a neat pack of bamboo sticks, like this...

It’s important to pack it so the materials don’t pop out easily.

But remember to make sure there are loads of little holes and spaces for the insects to crawl into.

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