



Family Art Activity

You will need

- Sturdy cardboard tubes or a couple of large plastic milk bottles with their bottoms cut off (keep the end with the handle, recycle the rest)
- Selection of dried leaves
- Twigs of varying lengths
- Bamboo canes of shorter lengths
- Pine cones (if you can find them)



If you can't find all of these things don't worry, you can do the activity with just some.



Family Eco Craft Activity - Make a mini insect hotel

Instructions:

- Fill each of your tubes or plastic bottles with the materials you have gathered. Make sure you keep it varied so if you have bamboo canes place a few of those together (side by side and/or on top of each other)
- Then add in some dried leaves
- Then stack in some twigs and so on
- Once your tubes or bottles are filled up double check that it's tightly packed so bugs can get really snug!
- When you are happy with it you can either place the finished hotel somewhere in your garden (under a shrub is good, somewhere tucked away) or you can thread some garden twine through to make it a hanging hotel. Make sure you hang it against a wall or bush.

And that's it! Leave for a few days then why not check and do a bug count of the insects you see coming and going?

