



GET INVOLVED



30 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

BEE HOTEL



AIM

Build a mini hotel that can become home to some buzzing bees this springtime. Bees are declining in number across the UK, so building a hotel will help the bees in your community.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > Tin Can
- > Sheets of Coloured Paper
- > Pencil
- > Tape
- > Twigs
- > Craft Supplies
- > String

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THEME: PROTECTING OUR WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to gather all the equipment needed for this activity. This activity would also benefit from an example being made beforehand, so children can see what they are aiming to make.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Each child should be given a clean tin can. Ask children to decorate the outside of the can using craft supplies. This could be with paints, tape, stickers, construction paper or more. A bright and colourful design is best!
- 2 Cut the paper in half, height wise, with each piece ideally being a bit shorter than the can. Try to use colourful pieces of paper for this.
- 3 Use a pencil to roll the coloured paper into thin tubes. Try to roll the paper five or six times around the pencil, to create thick tubes. Secure the paper into a tube with a little bit of tape and then pull the pencil free.
- 4 Do this about 30 times, to create enough tubes to fill your can.
- 5 Place the can on its side and start filling the bottom of the can with your paper tubes. Apply a little bit of glue to the bottom of the can and the bottom of each tube to help keep them in place.
- 6 Make sure the tubes are packed nice and tightly as you add them to the can, but be careful not to squish the tubes, otherwise the bees won't be able to fit inside.
- 7 Keep going until your can is full of your paper tubes.
- 8 Use the thin twigs to fill any open spaces between the tubes, to help keep everything in place.
- 9 Finally tie two pieces of string around the can. These should wrap around the can and then leave about 5-10cm which can be used to hang the bee hotel can from a tree, or somewhere similar.
- 10 Encourage children to hang their bee hotel from a tree or somewhere similar. Ideally it should be sheltered from rain and be nice and sunny.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The UK has around **270 species of bees**.
- Bees are sadly in **decline**, with some species of bee going extinct.
- Bees have **five eyes and six legs**.
- Some bees will **beat their wings at 200 times per second** when they are flying.
- Bees helps plants to grow by **pollinating** them.
- Bees can't see the **colour red**.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Care should be taken around the tin cans to ensure all sharp edges have been removed before they are given to children.