

# Make a Bee Hotel

Did you know that Britain has around 225 species of solitary bee? Unlike bumblebees that live in colonies, solitary bees build single nest cells for their larvae. Bamboo canes make a fantastic habitat for these very important creatures.

## What you'll need:



Bamboo canes



Twine or string



Garden gloves



A large elastic band



Loppers or secateurs

## How to make your bee hotel:

### Step 1:

Ask an adult to help you cut bamboo canes into shorter pieces, around 15cm long. Wear gloves and use loppers or secateurs to make the cuts. Cutting 1-2cm away from the nodes (the bumpy bits) means they're less likely to get squashed!

### Step 2:

Once you have around 15-20 pieces of bamboo, bundle them together and secure with a large elastic band. Make sure it's nice and tight to stop the bundle falling apart!



### Step 3:

Use some twine to wrap around the elastic band and create a large loop to hang your hotel.

### Step 4:

Hang your bee hotel somewhere that gets plenty of sunlight - bees love the sunshine!

### Step 5:

Watch solitary bees come and go! Any bamboo that has sandy-coloured or green caps in the entrance holes means there is a bee larva living in there!

