

Build a Bug Snug

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Keep your creepy crawlies cosy over winter with this fantastic shelter! Not only will it support insects, it can even provide a home for small mammals, amphibians and reptiles, as well as becoming a "bug buffet" for larger creatures that come to dine.

What you'll need:



4-6 long
straight-ish sticks



Gloves



Twine



Dried leaves



Sticks and twigs

How to build your bug snug:

Step 1:

Choose an area of ground where you'd like to build your bug snug. You can make it any size, but a good starting point is a circle around 50cm diameter.

Top tip: use gloves when pushing your sticks in to avoid splinters!



Step 2:

Stick your long straight sticks firmly in the ground in a roughly circular shape. Tie these at the top using twine, to make a wigwam shape.



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Will Hearle

Step 3:

Start adding handfuls of plant matter to your snug. This can include grass clippings, the stems of old plants, dried leaves, sticks and more. The more variety the better!



Step 4:

Build your plant pile up until it reaches the top of the snug. Animals will start to move in really quickly! As the pile rots down, add more bits to the top, and keep an eye out to see who comes to visit!

