

Make a...

bumblebee home

Bees are a corner stone of our ecosystem and are facing rapid decline, in part due to their habitats being destroyed. Help now and make a bee a home.



1. Get 2 big flower pots, gaffer tape, about 40cm² chicken wire, 2 bits of hose, 2 flat stones or tiles, nesting material, scissors and 2 pins.



3. Bend the wire round the bedding so that it'll fit in the cavity of the 2 flower pots. Put the wire and bedding into one of the pots and then put some stones between the wire and the pot.



5. Put a nail or pin through the ends of the hoses. Then cover both ends with a flat stone or piece of roof tile to stop water going in.

Top Bee Facts... Bees are essential to our ecosystem as they pollinate most of our plants. 3 of our 25 bumblebee species are now extinct in the UK and more are facing extinction. There are fewer flowers around and this is contributing to their declining numbers. Try and grow a variety of native flowers that bloom throughout the year, such as old native roses, buddleia, honeysuckle, poppies, lavender and flowers like clover in long grass.

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