



LET'S BEE CREATIVE!

It's time to be creative and build your own **BEE HOTEL!**
Help our buzzy mates live a life of luxury in our community.



What you will need:

420g tin cans (*clean and labels removed*)

File to smooth edges

Bamboo (10-16mm thick)

Pencil/pen

Glue gun

Treebark/leaves

Saw

Screwdriver

Power drill



Instructions:

1. Prep your tin can by taking your file and remove the sharp edge from the inside rim. Be careful!
2. If you have a drill handy, drill two drainage holes in the side (this will be on the bottom once completed). Ask an adult for help with this part.
3. Place your bamboo in your can and mark a line just outside the edge of the can.
4. Cut this piece with your saw. This piece will now let you quickly and easily mark the rest of your bamboo stick. It does not have to be exact, when doing this we moved it forward and back 1cm to give some depth to the finished product.
5. Now cut your pieces (best to let adults do this).
6. Take your bamboo pieces and put them in your can.
7. Try to make sure that the ends of the bamboo facing outwards are open. (note: there is a white papery material inside the shaft that can be easily removed).
8. Take a file, screwdriver or drill bit and agitate the white papery material opening up the ends.
9. Take your bark and put sufficient hot glue on the back of the bark and quickly wrap it around the can so that the glue can dry.
10. Make sure to leave your drain holes clear.
11. If your bamboo is loose add a few dabs of hot glue between the bamboo pieces.

When you spend time with your child working on projects like this Bee Hotel, it provides opportunities for practising following instructions, asking lots of questions and exploring and using new words. Most of all it is fun!

Nice work! This is what your Bee Hotel will look like!

