

## Make Your Own Minibeast Hotel



## **Outdoor Activity**

## You will need:

A suitable container or area in your outdoor area, preferably wooden

Compost

Fertile soil

Pieces of wood (various sizes)

Different sized/shaped stones

Bricks

Old roof tiles

Clay drainage tubes

Fir cones

Dry leaves

Bark

Straw, hay

Dead wood/sticks

Plants that will attract insects

## Method

- 1. Choose either an area in your outdoor area or a wooden container and place it on the ground.
- 2. If the container hasn't already got holes in, make some holes in the bottom. That will create drainage and let minibeasts crawl in.
- 3. Fill the container with compost and fertile soil.
- 4. Use your resources to build various places for minibeasts to live.
- 5. Woodlice and beetles will like wood/sticks and if stacked, the minibeasts can crawl through them.
- 6. Plants will attract the crawling bugs like caterpillars, snails and spiders.
- 7. Butterflies and bees will like nectar-rich flowering plants.
- 8. It's up to you how much you put in your bug hotel.
- 9. Observe the hotel over time and see which minibeasts it attracts.
- 10. Can you find out which areas each kind of minibeast like best?



