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Insect Hotel

This project is a great way to attract beneficial insects to your garden! The children will love collecting items to make each micro habitat, and watching insects take up residence in their hotel.

What you need:

- Plastic plant pots.
- String
- Straw or hay
- Corrugated card
- Wooden pallets
- Found materials such as pine cones, twigs, bark or pebbles.
- Bamboo canes of different diameters cut to the height of the plants pots.



What to do:

- Fill the plant pots with the different materials.
- Tie the string around the plant pots.
- Carefully hang the plant pots around your garden.
- Alternatively, use wooden pallets to stack the plant pots on their sides.

Ways to extend this activity: Research insects that can be found locally. Find out which insects will prefer each different material. Create a fact file about local insects. Investigate the most popular material in the insect hotel by counting the bugs you find.

Ways to support children with this activity: Some children may need help tying the string and hanging the pots. This could be done by an adult instead.

National curriculum links: Identify and name a variety of common animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. Design purposeful, functional and appealing products.