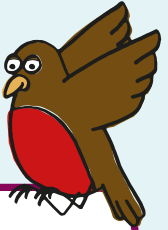




Build your own Peckish[®] Palace for bugs

Building your own bug hotel can be fun, but is also great for encouraging bugs into your garden which are beneficial to other wildlife and fun to watch!

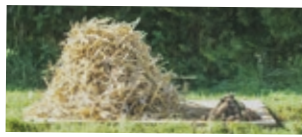
They also act as a food source for small animals such as hedgehogs, and of course some bird species such as Robins.



Things you need to build your Peckish Palace for bugs:



x4 old or new wooden pallets - any size but ideally all the same



Straw, dry leaves, stones



Moss & soil

x2 Sheets of wood, felt, wire mesh



Dry pieces of wood & hollow sticks



Bricks



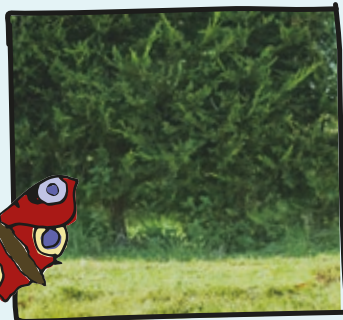
Roof tiles & pots



Pine cones

1. Where to position your Peckish Palace

- Choose a position where the ground is level and firm
- Try and position your Peckish Palace in part shade to attract more insects to your garden.



2. Main Structure

- Stack your first pallet on to bricks in a shape formation. Add the other 3 or 4 pallets on top ensuring they sit safely and sturdy
- Stack your pallets no more than a metre high for safety



3. Filling the Gaps

- Place the dry logs, chunks of wood, bricks, plant pots, roof tiles and any of the other larger pieces of material in first.
- Add your dry leaves and straw for attracting bugs beetles and ladybirds
- Bamboo shoots, hollow branches and twigs are perfect for solitary bees.
- Use broken tiles, stones or rocks for the gaps at the bottom, this will be ideal for frogs and toads for when it's damp
- Wood chips, pine cones, moss, bark and straw are also good fillers.



4. Adding a Roof and Finishing Touches!

- A roof will be ideal to keep heavy rain out and create a habitable atmosphere for all residents. Use two sheets of wood and some roof felt with a slight overhang on each edge.
- Wild flowers would be ideal on the top and would boost pollinating insects like butterflies
- Why not give your new bug palace it's own name and create a sign to place outside?
- Wrapping the whole Bug Palace with fine mesh wire will stop any interference and protect from strong winds.

