



# All About Bugs

Whether they are lovely ladybugs, goofy grasshoppers, or wiggly worms, bugs might seem creepy crawly, but they're actually our friends! Design a bug house—or even a luxurious bug hotel—for your outdoor neighbors. These can help attract helpful insects that protect and benefit your plants and flowers! Welcome them to your backyard, porch, balcony, or windowsill ecosystem while also helping keep troublesome pests away from areas you might not want them. Plus, it can serve as a beautiful art piece for your garden or outdoor space!

## Build a Bug Hotel

### ✦ What you need ✦



**Recycled cardboard box or wooden crate**



**Additional recycled cardboard pieces**



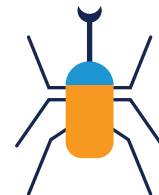
**Natural materials from your surrounding area**



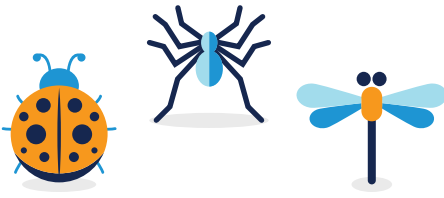
**Decorating materials**

### ✦ Making your Bug Hotel ✦

1. Prepare your box by removing the top flaps and leaving an opening on one side.
2. Create "rooms" in your hotel by using extra pieces of cardboard or wood as dividers. Poke a few holes between sections to act as "doorways" so the bugs can explore and visit their neighbors.
3. Next, furnish your hotel with all of a bug's favorite amenities! Try filling each space with a different natural item such as pinecones in one room and dried leaves in another, or a mixture of twigs, grass and moss. Tightly pack the materials so that they stay in place but try to create crevices so your bugs can stretch out and chill.
4. Don't forget to decorate. Accessorize your hotel with whatever you've got—you can draw your own bug art on the outside, paint it bright colors and decorate with stickers, or even create and attach a sign to the top featuring your hotel's name.
5. Place your bug hotel outside in the spot of your choice. Be sure to visit each day to see what types of creatures have taken up residence.



## Did You Know?



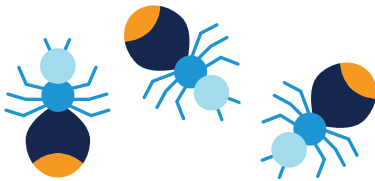
There are nearly 1 million types of insects worldwide that we know about. Scientists believe there are millions more that just haven't been discovered yet!



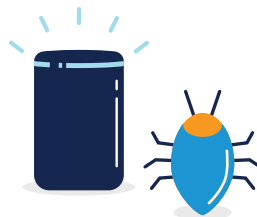
Grasshoppers have ears on their bellies, and butterflies taste with their feet!



One of the most important insects in the world is the honeybee—1 in 3 bites of food is made possible by these pollinating powerhouses.



There are 10 quadrillion ants on the planet at any given moment—that's more than a million ants for every one person.



For more fun facts, anyone with an Amazon Device can say, "Alexa, open Bug Facts" or learn about any animal by saying, "Alexa, what is the smallest animal?"



Before man went to the moon, the first living creatures ever sent into outer space were fruit flies back in 1947.

## Even More Fun



Learn more about the world of honeybees by visiting [Whole Kids Foundation](#) for interactive lessons, recipes and much more. Find fun activities in the [Inside Buzz Guide](#).



Watch Amazon Original [Bug Diaries](#) on Prime Video to learn more about unique insect abilities.



Prime Reading's [The Beetle Book](#) and [A Bug's Life: The Not-So-Perfect Picnic](#) are fun bug-related reads to add to your summer reading list.