

Activity 1: Build A Bee House



I live in hollow stems of plants and holes formed by other insects. I'm also happy to nest in paper tubes in bee houses!

Can you build a bee house for me and my friends?

What you'll need:

- Container at least 7" deep. Examples: ½ gallon milk carton, large can, 2-liter bottle
- Natural reeds, BeeTubes, or roll your own paper nesting tubes.
- Tape, paint, stickers, glue, etc. for decoration

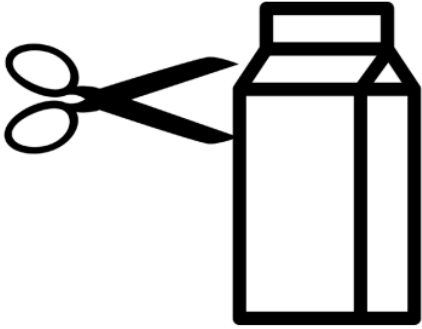
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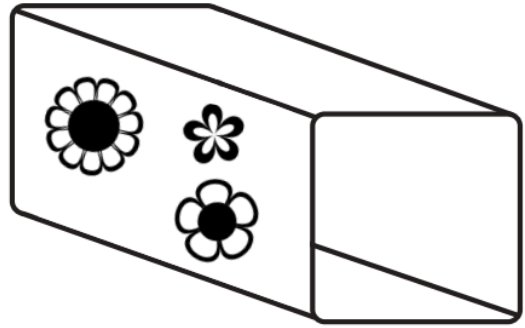
CROWN BEES
A Solitary Solution

Instructions for Bee Hotel

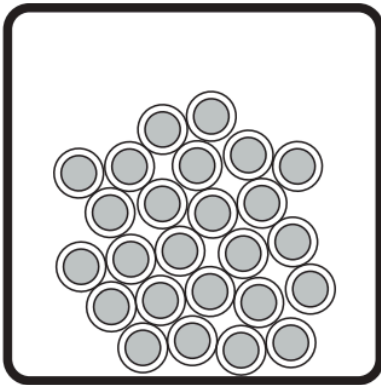
1 Cut top of Milk Carton.



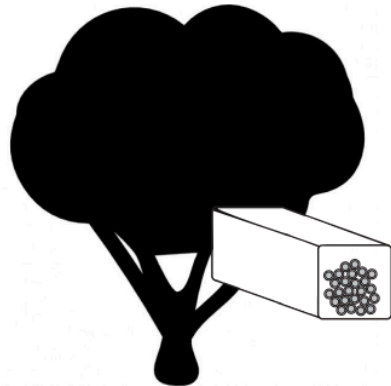
2 Decorate the outside of your bee house with patterned duct tape, paint, stickers, etc.



3 Fill with nesting holes like Natural Reeds, cardboard BeeTubes, or roll your own tubes.



4 Install your new bee house securely so it doesn't swing in the breeze.

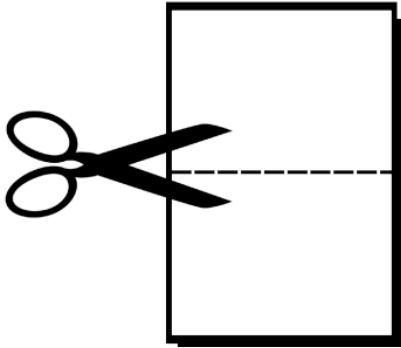


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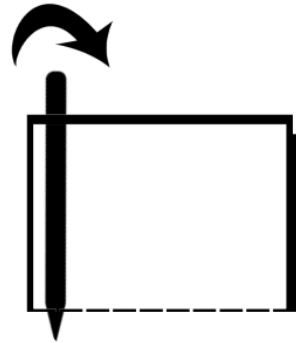
Learn what natural reeds to use and how to roll your own tubes on the next page!

How To Make Paper Tubes

- 1** Cut paper in half along the long edge.



- 2** Roll a pencil along the 5.5" edge.



Tips & Ideas

- Tape or glue the paper after rolling to stop the tubes from unrolling.
- You can seal the back end with modeling clay from your local arts & crafts store →
- Make different sizes for small, medium, and large bees!
- Use plants with hollow stems that you find in your yard! Just make sure the back is sealed naturally or with clay.
- Use fun colored paper straws (not plastic) and seal the back with clay.
- Bees see color differently than humans. Use the chart below to help you decorate your bee house and paper tubes with colors the bees can see!

