

## Wildflower Seed Bombs

### You will need:

- Flour (use any flour, even if out of date)
- Wildflower Seeds (give consideration to native seeds)
- Water
- Soil or Peat Free Compost
- Small Cup & Bowl or Tray

### The Build:

- \* Using a small cup measure out 1 cup flour and 3 cups of soil onto your tray or bowl
- \* Add a teaspoon of wildflower seeds or if using larger seeds add more
- \* Mix the dry mix together using your hands
- \* Measure out a cup of water and add gradually (you may not need all of it so add it a little at a time)
- \* When it has started to stick together roll into small balls (about the size of a golf ball) and leave to dry
- \* Once dry place them outside on top of your planting area (this should be clear soil) When it rains it will wash the seeds into the ground and they will self plant

Your wildflowers will create a habitat for pollinators and mini beasts



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## Wormery

### You will need:

- 1 Litre Plastic Bottle
- Garden Soil & Compost
- Sand & Gravel
- Grass, Leaves, Moss
- Scissors

### The Build:

- \* Remove all labels and cut off the top (keep this for later)
- \* In layers add - gravel, soil, sand, compost, sand etc. Keep going until you are a couple of inches from the top
- \* Make sure your top layer is soil and add leaves, grass, moss etc
- \* Add enough water to make it just moist
- \* Find some worms and add them on top
- \* Replace the lip, pushing it into the bottle and pierce small holes in it to allow air to circulate
- \* Wrap the outside of the bottle in card or paper - you could cut a window out so you can watch
- \* Keep in a cool place and top up with water
- \* Release back into the wild before 2 weeks



## Mini Beast Log Pile

### You will need:

- Logs, Branches
- Leaves, Moss
- Spade

### The Build:

- \* In a shady location dig a small hole
- \* Starting with your largest logs pile them up in the hole
- \* Add leaves, branches, moss etc to the top, sides and in between
- \* Leave it for the mini beasts to move in and check back in a couple of weeks to see what is living there

### Top Tips:

Repeat using stones to attract different mini beasts, beetles and frogs



## Tin Can Bug Hotel

### You will need:

Tin Can  
Twigs/Leaves/Grass  
String

### The Build:

- \* Collect a selection of natural materials
- \* Fill your tin can with damp leaves and grass
- \* Break your twigs into lengths slightly longer than your can
- \* Push as many twigs as possible into your tin can until everything is tightly packed and will not fall out
- \* Fold your string in half and wrap around the outside of the tin
- \* Thread the ends through the loop and pull tight around the tin
- \* Tie to two ends together and hang in your garden

### Top Tip:

Mini Beasts like dark and damp conditions, so keep your hotel wet

Turn it into a bee hotel by adding rolls of paper



## Mini Pond

### You will need:

Washing Up Bowl  
Rock & Gravel  
Logs, Barks & Twigs  
Pond Weed

### The Build:

- \* Dig a hole for the bowl to sit in - the rim should be level with the ground
- \* Create a border around the edge using natural materials so it blends in with the natural environment
- \* Fill the bottom with gravel, place a large rock in one corner and add a slope to help wildlife get in and out
- \* Allow the bowl to fill with rain water or fill with water from a water butt (do not use tap water)
- \* Add some pond weed to keep the water oxygenated
- \* Wait for nature to move in



## Log Bee Hotel

### You will need:

- A Piece of Wood or a Short Log
- Drill (Adult supervision & guidance required)

### The Build:

- \* Find a piece of wood or small log
- \* Drill a selection of holes into one face about half way in
- \* You can either place this somewhere or attach some eye-lets to thread string to hang
- \* Watch for your new neighbours to move in



## Multi Room Mini Beast Hotel

### You will need:

- 7 Old Plant Pots, Tin Cans or Plastic Bottles
- String or Tape
- Materials to fill your hotel with

### The Build:

- \* If you are using plastic bottles, cut tops and bottoms off so they become a tube
- \* Go exploring in your garden or around your home to find things you can fill each one with. Here are some examples -  
Pine Cones, Grasses/Straw/Hay, Twigs, Bamboo Canes, Rolled up newspaper, Moss, Leaves, Bark, Corrugated Cardboard
- \* Arrange your pots or bottles in a circle and tie or stick together tightly. (Make sure you leave some string at the top to hang it with)
- \* Or you could use them individually and hang them in different locations



## Bird Feeder House

### You will need:

- Plastic Milk Carton
- Scissors
- Pens
- String
- Bird Seed

### The Build:

- \* Cut out the side of your milk carton using the line at the base as a guide - you can keep the cut away plastic as a feature window by bending back or remove completely
- \* Decorate the outside of the carton as you wish - you may want to use permanent markers or sharpie pens which are more weather resistant
- \* Cut 2 holes opposite each other through the neck of the bottle and thread your string through
- \* Add the bird seed to the inside and hang in your chosen location

### Top Tips:

If you don't have a plastic milk bottle you could also use a large juice carton instead



## Hedgehog Home

### You will need:

- Plastic Box
- Twigs, Leaves, Moss, Hay, Grasses
- Knife (please use with care)

### The Build:

- \* Find a quiet place, preferably near a hedge or border to place your home
- \* Cut a doorway into the side of the box big enough for a hedgehog to fit through
- \* Create a bed inside using your leaves, twigs, moss etc
- \* Cover over with more leaves, twigs, rocks etc to blend in
- \* Watch to see if you have any new visitors



## Toad Home

### You will need:

Plant Pot (can be broken)

Twigs, Leaves, Moss, Hay, Grasses

### The Build:

- \* Find a quiet space near a pond or damp space
- \* Place your pot upside down or on its side - ensure there is a way for the toad to be able to get inside
- \* Add twigs, moss leaves etc to create a bed
- \* Wait until you spot a toad



## Pollination Station

### You will need:

Water

Granulated Sugar

Base of a Plastic Bottle

Old Plate or Tray

Pebbles or Stones

### The Build:

- \* In an old tray, plate or plant pot base add some pebbles/stones around one side
- \* Fill with water
- \* Cut off the base off a plastic bottle - decorate if you wish
- \* Add nectar - To make the nectar,
  - \* Fill the base of the bottle with water
  - \* Empty into a cup
  - \* Add sugar a spoon at a time and mix thoroughly
  - \* Keep adding until no more sugar can be dissolved
- \* Add the nectar mix back into the bottle base and float in the water
- \* Place your station on a windowsill or in a garden and watch out for your pollinator visitors

