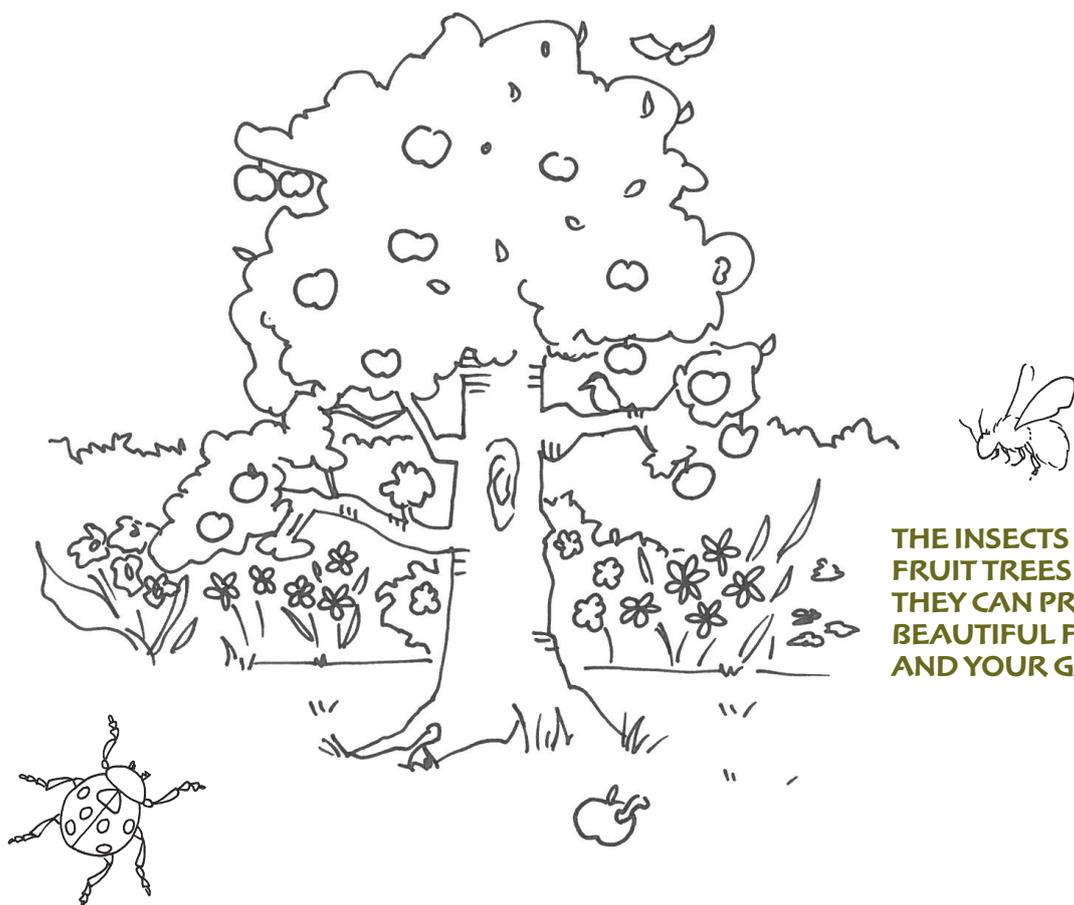


Make room for nature

Build your own
INSECT HOTEL



**MORE FRUIT
MORE FLOWERS
MORE BIRDS**



THE INSECTS POLLINATE YOUR FRUIT TREES AND PLANTS, SO THEY CAN PRODUCE FRUIT AND BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR YOU AND YOUR GARDEN

Are your fruit trees not producing the fruit you dreamed of? Or is your garden not vibrant enough?

Perhaps you simply need some of nature's little helpers – insects!

When insects come up in conversation, many people think disdainfully of the biting and annoying kind that disrupt warm summer evenings on the patio. **But insects are much more than that!**

Insects are partly responsible for pollinating your fruit trees and ensuring your harvest of delicious apples and pears. Many insects perform natural pest control in your garden, free of charge and without using chemicals! In addition to helping directly, insects also play another very important role – they provide food for the birds many of us would like to see more of in our gardens.

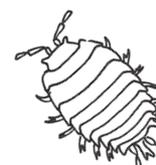
Many insects have trouble finding suitable habitats in a tidy residential garden. They actually need some 'mess', in the form of cut branches and leaves. Insects need places to spend the night and the winter, places to lay their eggs and places where their larvae can find food and live. Some insects lay their eggs in a piece of dead wood and leave the larvae to fend for themselves.

The larvae then typically eat the dead wood. Other insects look after their larvae and ensure they get food and protection. Whatever their lifestyle, insects have an important place in your garden, and you can help them and even invite more in.

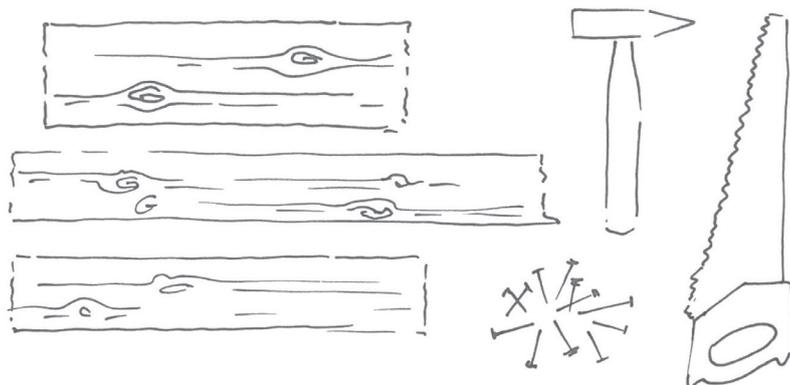
You can build an insect hotel!

An insect hotel does not have to be large or expensive. The aim is for the insects to find a suitable home in your garden, so you can benefit from nature's little helpers! An insect hotel can be as simple as a tree stump with holes in it, or a box filled with various natural materials. It is important that the 'rooms' are protected from the rain, but it should ideally be a bit moist and warm.

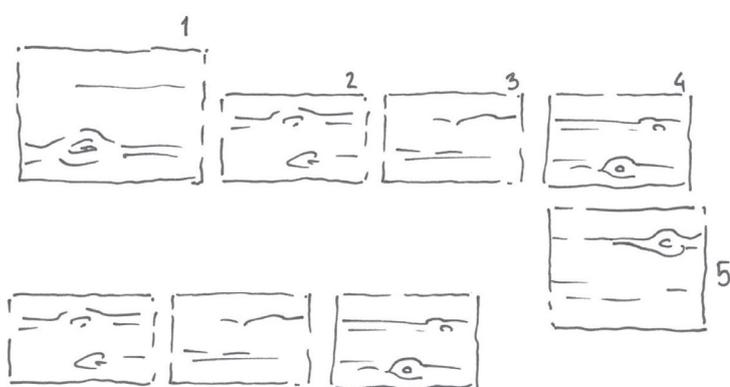
Have fun!



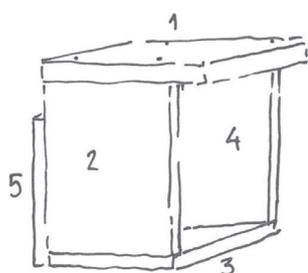
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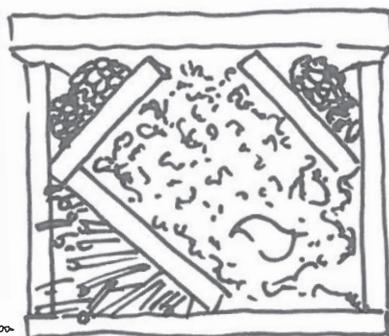
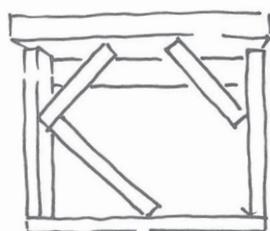
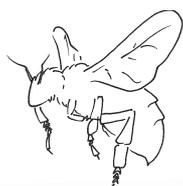
You will need wooden boards in two different widths, a saw, a hammer (or screwdriver) and nails (or screws). The wood must NOT be treated.



Cut the boards into suitable lengths. Piece 1 needs to be slightly wider, so it can serve as a roof. Piece 5 is the back and must also be slightly wider.



Assemble boards 1-5 to make a box using a hammer and nails.



Use the last boards for partitions. There are many options when it comes to 'furnishing' your hotel. We have used stems from withered stinging nettles, moss and pine cones.

