



HOW TO MAKE SMALL INSECT HOTELS FROM TIN CANS



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Wild bees, lacewings and other insects are happy to have a good place to nest. That is why we make an insect hotel from a tin can.

You need:

1 tin can
yellow and black acrylic paint
6 wooden beads
2 bottle caps
wire or string
filling material (for example bamboo sticks, rolled cardboard, wood wool, straw, thin twigs)

How to do it:



1: Collect empty tin cans and spray or paint them with yellow acrylic paint. Let the paint dry overnight.



2: When the yellow base coat is completely dry, stick two or three strips with tape or painter's tape on the surface. Then paint over the yellow colour with black paint. Make sure the tape is flat, has no air bubbles, and is well pressed down everywhere. This is the only way to get straight lines. Let it dry well again and carefully remove the tape. The body of our bee is finished.

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3: Now drill several holes into the can with a cordless drill. Drill six holes on the bottom (three on each side) for the legs, and four holes on the top, best along one strip, for the wings. After you pull three strings through the holes for the legs, attach the wooden beads at the ends of the strings. On the top, pull two strings through for the wings. You can also use wire if you like. Pull one more string or wire through the can to hang it.

4: Now glue two bottle caps onto the bottom of the can as eyes and draw the pupils with a black felt-tip pen.

5: Put the filling material into the can. Find a safe place in the garden or on the balcony. Now the first small insects can move into their

new home.



Good luck & have fun!