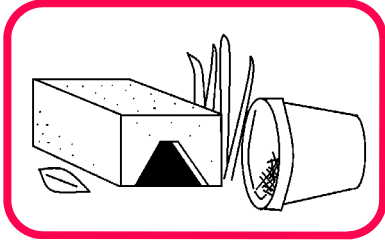


# Creature Comforts

This leaflet tells you all you'll need to know to make snug shelters for everything from frogs and hedgehogs, to bees and ladybirds.



### Frog Flat



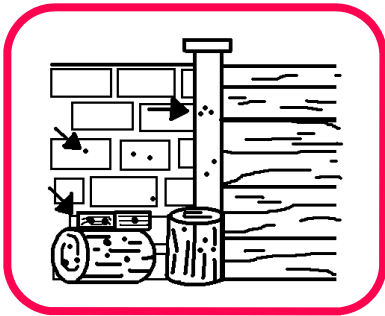
#### A home for

Frogs  
Toads  
Newts

#### What to do

Place an earthenware flowerpot (9-10cm depth) or a half brick with gutter in a shady and undisturbed area, ideally below a hedge or behind a compost heap. Lightly cover with leaves (optional).

### Holey Home



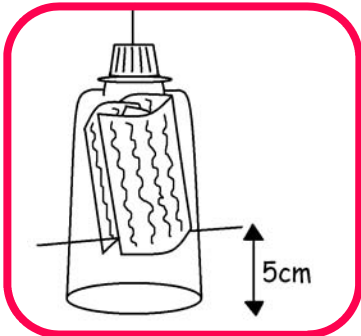
#### A home for

Various minibeasts  
Solitary bee  
Mason bee  
Solitary wasp  
Beetles  
Spiders  
Ladybirds

#### What to do

Place blocks of wood and logs next to a fencepost or brick wall. With a 5-10mm drill bit, drill holes 90mm deep into the wood and bricks. (Remember to get adult supervision!)

### Lacewing Loft



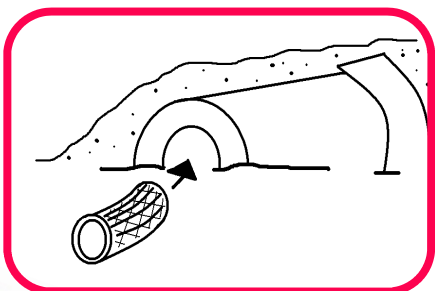
#### A home for

Green Lacewing

#### What to do

Cut the bottom off a 1 or 2 litre bottle and insert a roll of 80-100 cm long corrugated card. Fix with wire so that the bottle covers the card and leaves a 5cm overhang. Hang in dense foliage near house (so that lights from your house will shine nearby at night). Best put in place by mid-August.

### Bee Bungalow



#### A home for

Queen bumble bees

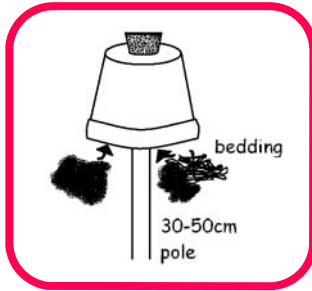
#### What to do

Fill an earthenware flowerpot (9-10cm depth) with loose earth and bury it so that the hole shows. Attach a piece of hose if you want to bury it completely.



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## Earwig Hotel



**A home for**  
Earwigs

### What to do

Fill an earthenware pot (9-10cm depth) with straw and bedding. Put a bung or cork in the drainage hole and place the inverted pot on a pole of bamboo (30-50cm long). This is used in summer.

## Ladybird Lodge

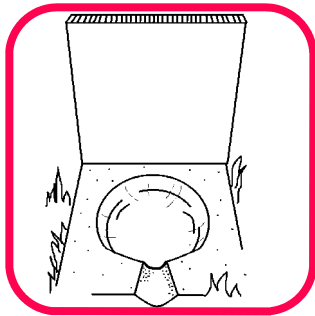


**A home for**  
Ladybirds  
Butterfly pupae  
Spiders  
Earwigs

### What to do

Cut stalks of hollow stems (esp. Thistles, Teasel, Fennel, and Angelica) at different levels from the ground, up to 2m. Also leave leaf litter, grassy tussock, loose bark, plant debris, standing dead grass, and dead dry foliage as a 'wild corner'.

## Frog Hollow

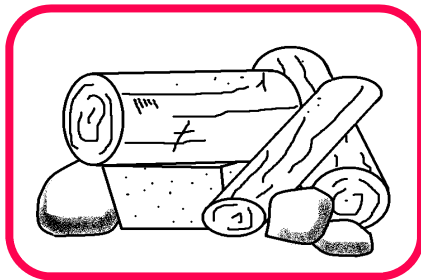


**A home for**  
Frogs  
Newts  
Toads

### What to do

Dig a chamber 3-4cm deep and a sloping entrance trench under a paving stone. This is more successful in grassy areas.

## Hedgehog House

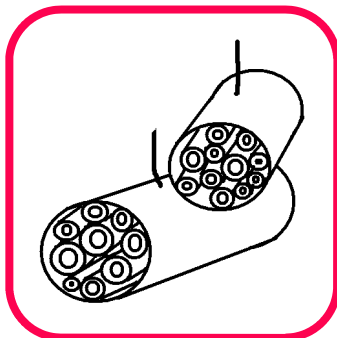


**A home for**  
Hedgehog  
Newts  
Frogs  
Butterflies  
Common Lizard  
Slow worm  
Beetles

### What to do

Pile up old logs of various sizes and species with stones and old bricks. Pile them up higgledy-piggledy and leave the bark on if possible.

## Bamboo Cane Cottage



**A home for**  
Various minibeasts  
Solitary bee  
Mason bee  
Solitary wasp  
Beetles  
Spiders  
Ladybirds

### What to do

Get a 180mm long cylindrical container with the top taken off (e.g. drainpipe, drinks bottle). Tape sticks of bamboo cane or straw (5-8mm diameter) inside, with one end sealed. (Polystyrene blobs are excellent for the bungs).

