


# Art 2

WALT – make a mini beast hotel using various resources and ways of putting things together.

# Make your mini beast hotels!



## Make Your Own Minibeast Hotel


Outdoor Activity

**You will need:**

A suitable container or area in your outdoor area, preferably wooden	Clay drainage tubes
Compost	Fir cones
Fertile soil	Dry leaves
Pieces of wood (various sizes)	Bark
Different sized/shaped stones	Straw, hay
Bricks	Dead wood/sticks
Old roof tiles	Plants that will attract insects


**Method**

1. Choose either an area in your outdoor area or a wooden container and place it on the ground.
2. If the container hasn't already got holes in, make some holes in the bottom. That will create drainage and let minibeasts crawl in.
3. Fill the container with compost and fertile soil.
4. Use your resources to build various places for minibeasts to live.
5. Woodlice and beetles will like wood/sticks and if stacked, the minibeasts can crawl through them.
6. Plants will attract the crawling bugs like caterpillars, snails and spiders.
7. Butterflies and bees will like nectar-rich flowering plants.
8. It's up to you how much you put in your bug hotel.
9. Observe the hotel over time and see which minibeasts it attracts.
10. Can you find out which areas each kind of minibeast like best?





## A Hotel Fit for Some Bugs


**You will need:**

  
flower pot

  
stones

  
twigs

  
small pieces of bark

  
waterproof marker pen

  
dried leaves

  
sugar cubes

**Method:**

1. Fill your flower pot with the twigs, bark and dried leaves. Make sure you wash your hands afterwards.
2. Find a shady area of the garden to put your flower pot.
3. Position your flower pot and put some small stones around it to stop it falling over or blowing away.
4. Add a couple of sugar cubes to the pot.
5. Peep inside each day to see what creatures have visited your hotel.
6. Record your observations using the [Hotel Fit for Some Bugs Recording Sheet](#).

