



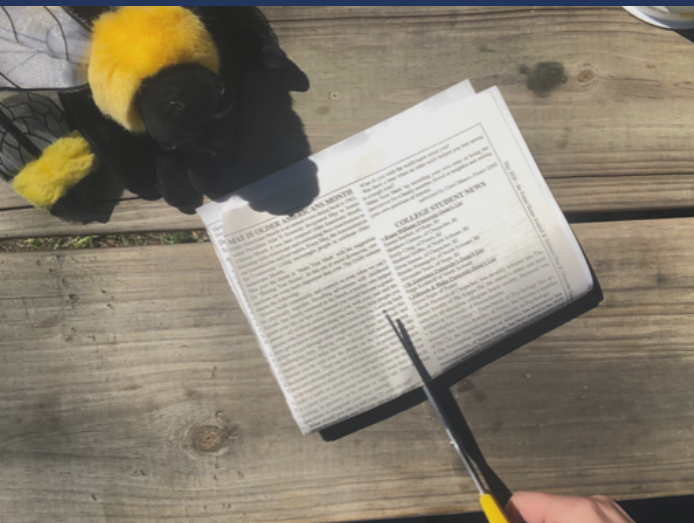
DIY BEE HOTEL

Support native solitary bees by making your own bee hotel out of recycled materials. Help critical pollinators such as mason bees, leafcutter bees, sweat bees and more by providing a place for them to nest.



Materials:

- A waterproof container such as a large yogurt tub or milk carton
- Scissors
- Washi tape (Made from plant fibers, Washi tape is reusable, biodegradable, and heat resistant.)
- Newspaper strips



1. Measure the depth of your container and subtract one inch. Use this measurement as the short end and cut long strips of newspaper.



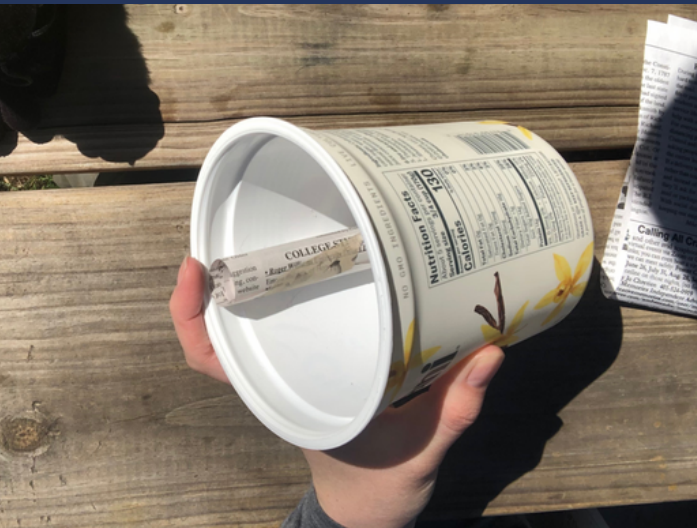
2. Roll the paper into tubes with a 1/4 to 1/2 inch diameter.



3. Secure the tubes by taping the outside



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4. Make sure that your rolls are inside the container by at least an inch to protect them from the rain.



5. Place all the rolls inside the container



6. Voilà! You have made a bee hotel!



Decorate the container, if desired.

Secure your bee house on a flat surface, protected from the wind with south or southwest exposure.

Did you know that most bees do not use hives? For example, mason bees lay their eggs in holes drilled by insects or birds. In the spring after the bees mate, the female lays eggs in these holes. The individual eggs are separated by deposits of nectar and pollen, and then plugged with mud until the tube is full. Later that spring, mature bees emerge.

Create new paper tubes each season to ensure a hygienic and safe bee house.