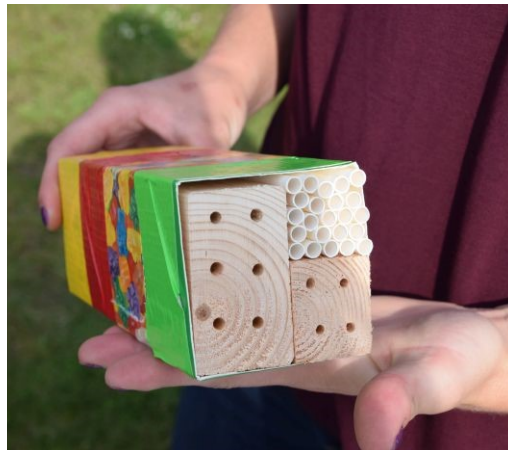


# MILK CARTON BEE HOTEL

This bee hotel option is great for kids! An adult should pre-cut all wood block pieces with a saw. If the kids are too young to use a drill, an adult should pre-drill all tunnels into wood blocks, and kids can assemble and decorate.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut 2 pieces of 2x3 into  $7\frac{3}{4}$ " lengths using a miter saw. Cut one piece in half lengthwise using a table saw.
2. Place block in a vise. Sand the outer side of the wood block until smooth.
3. Drill holes into wood blocks Use sizes between  $\frac{3}{32}$ " -  $\frac{3}{16}$ ". Use 6" long drill bits if possible.
4. Cut off the top flaps of the milk carton. The 2x3 block, and standard sized straws (if using), should fit perfectly.
5. Place tunnels and blocks in the milk carton. Add enough materials to ensure everything is packed in tightly.
6. If desired, decorate with duct tape or stickers.
7. Place your hotel facing south or southeast, next to a flower or vegetable garden in the spring. Place it a few feet off the ground, such as in a tree or hanging from a fence with twine. Monitor your hotel for bee activity.
8. In the following spring, clean out your hotel after bees have emerged. Replace stems or straws as necessary.



## DETAILS

Size: Small

Difficulty: Easy to Medium



## MATERIALS

- 1 litre milk carton (or other carton/tube)
- 2x3 board (17" or more)
- Drill
- Drill bits
- Vise
- Measuring tape and pencil
- Paper straws or natural stalks
- Miter saw and table saw
- Sander or sandpaper
- Duct tape (optional)
- Twine (optional)

**Note:** A one litre milk carton will fit one 2x3 piece and another piece cut in half lengthwise. Alter your wood block pieces depending on the size of your carton.