

Make your own native bee hotel

What you need:

- An empty 400ml pull-ring tin (like you get with tinned fruit, or coconut milk)
- Secateurs or sharp garden scissors
- A bundle of hollow bamboo (usually called stakes at your local garden store)
- Twine

1. Ensure your tin can is clean and dry. You can paint or decorate the outside of tin can before filling it with bamboo.
2. Choose sections of bamboo that have 10-15cm between joints, up to a pencil-width across, cut into lengths of at least 10cm or longer. Cut just below the joint so there is a good long hollow section available to the bees.
3. Stack the tin can full with the bamboo hollows, put as many as will fit in the can.
4. You can tie your twine around the middle of hotel if you wish to hang it.
5. Place your bee hotel somewhere it will get morning sun, and at least 1 metre off the ground but not higher than 2 metres. Ensure there is plenty of nectar and pollen-rich plants nearby for your new residents.

