

Other bee hotels

Bug life

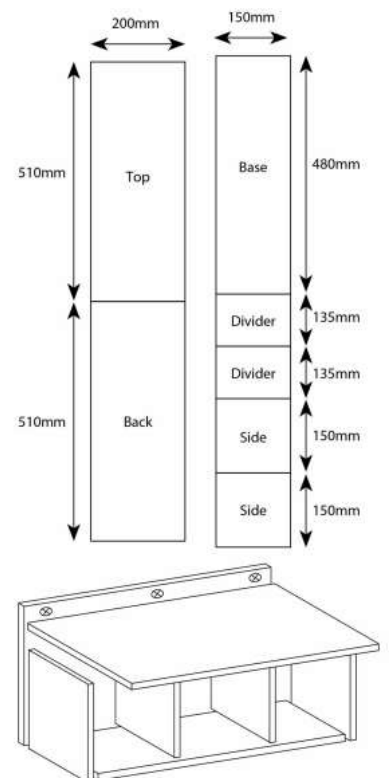
- Bamboo canes
- 10-20cm long
- Tied into a bundle
- Placed/hung 5ft above the ground

Friends of the earth

- Box or plastic bottle filled with bamboo canes
- 20cm deep x 30cm wide x 30cm high.
- Alternatively drill 2-10mm holes in a block of untreated wood
- Alternatively use Bug life method

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- “be a box or container stuffed full of different sized hollow tubes, which each have a closed-off end and are 150 mm or more long.”
- “have an entrance that’s protected from the rain.”
- “face south in a sunny, sheltered location.”
- “be near your bee-friendly flowers and shrubs.”
- “You can also drill deep holes of varying sizes (between 2-8 mm diameter) into blocks of wood and logs, again 150 mm deep.”
- “Why not try creating some tubes out of rolled up paper? Take some sheets of preferably brown paper and cut them into A5 rectangles (about 150 x 210 mm). Roll each one tightly around a pencil to create a tube 150 mm in length and secure with some sticky-backed plastic.”



The pollinator garden

- “The box should be a minimum of 20cm (8ins) deep, and needs an overhang at the top to keep rain off. You may already have a wooden box or a drawer from an old wooden chest of drawers that you can adapt for this purpose. If not, you can make one. The one in the picture is 20cm deep, 30cm (12ins) high at the front and 30cm wide, made out of untreated European spruce.”
- “Inside the shell of the bee house you stack dry logs or sections of untreated timber, up to about 18cm (7ins) in length. If you choose logs make sure that they are not cracked or split making it easier for pests or fungus spores to spread ... Drill a selection of holes into them of varying diameters between 2mm and 10mm, but no bigger ... The open ends of these holes should face outwards, and must be smooth, and free of splinters, as should the entire length of the tunnel/cavity.”
- “The bee house must be positioned in full sun, facing south east or south, at least a metre off the ground, with no vegetation in front of it obscuring the entrances to the tunnels ... A bee house must be firmly fixed, so that it does not swing or sway in the wind, so you should not hang it from a branch.”