
Nesting aid for insects ¹

Insects are happy when they find an appropriate place to nest.
By decorating your tin can, you can even make your nesting aid look pretty.

Materials needed for one tin can:

- 1 tin can
- multicoloured wool
- scissors
- 6 wooden beads
- felt for the eyes (e.g. white and black)
- glue
- hammer
- nail
- wire
- stuffing (e.g. bamboo sticks, small rolls of corrugated board, wood wool, straw, thin twigs)



Instructions:



1: Take the **wool** and wrap it around the tin can. If you want to change colours, just cut the thread and knot another one onto the loose end. At the end you finish with a knot on the last thread.



2: Knot six threads of the same length onto the bottom side of your **tin can**
– these will be the insect legs.

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3: Attach the **wooden beads** at the end of your threads. Make sure that they hold by making a thicker knot.



4: Cut out two white and two black circles from the felt. Glue the black circles onto the white ones. Now the **eyes** are ready to be glued onto the left and right side of the tin can.



5: Carefully pierce the **bottom of the tin can** with hammer and nail (as you can see on the picture).



6: Take a piece of **wire** and pull it through the hole. Twist the loose ends of the wire. Now you can hang it up.



7: Insert the **stuffing** into the tin can. Look for a sheltered spot in your garden or on your balcony. Now, the first small inhabitants can move into their new home.