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How to build a Mini Beast Hotel



Cornwall



To make this mini beast hotel you will need:

- 2 x 1 metre length piece of untreated, sawn timber, 20cm wide, 1.5cm thick
- 20cm x 2.5cm galvanised nails,
- 1cm x 2.5cm roofing tacks or 1.5 cm wire staples (must be galvanised)
- Hammer, wood saw, clamp, ruler and pencil
- Dried out small pine cones, small amount of chipped bark and 1cm wide bamboo canes cut into 15cm lengths
- Piece of wire netting (small holed) 24cm x 40cm

How to do it.



1. Mark the timber for the hotel into six sections using the following measurements: (see drawn diagram)



2. Label each piece before you cut the wood so you know which is which after sawing.

- Back panel: 38 cm x 20 cm;
- Base 17 cm x 20 cm;
- Roof 24 cm x 20 cm;
- 2x side panels 40 cm high width x 16.5
- 2x shelf panels 15 cm x 20 cm

Cut the wood along the pencil lines using a saw. Sand down any rough edges to protect yourself from splinters.

Leg	Leg	Shelf	Base	Roof
Side panel		15cm x 20cm	17cm x 20cm	24cm x 20cm
40cm x 16.5cm				

Leg	Leg	Shelf	Back
Side panel		15cm x 20cm	38cm x 20cm
40cm x 16.5cm			



3. Take the back panel and one of the side panels, line them up at the top and nail into place.

(Notice that the side piece is longer in length than the back, this is to allow for attaching the base of the hotel)



4. Repeat step number 3 with the 2nd side panel and carefully nail it into place.



5. Slide the base panel into place. It should fit into the gap between the side panels and the back panel and nail it into place on all three sides (both the side panels and the back panel.)



6. Take one of the shelf panels and push it into place within the box frame you have made so far, once you have a height position you require, nail it into place. Remember to hammer gently so as not to hurt your fingers!

7. Follow step 6 and attach the 2nd shelf panel to the back panel and side panels by nailing in place carefully.



8. Fill the inside compartments with the dried pine cones, bamboo canes and bark, then take your piece of wire and use the tacks/staples to nail down over the front of your hotel.



9. Take the Roof and nail into place very carefully.



10. Finally use the cut off pieces from the side panels, split them into 4 equal lengths and nail them into position on the outside of your hotel (as in the photo). These can be used to push the hotel into the ground for support to prevent it blowing over.

An extra and sturdier pole might be required to support the hotels weight, depending on where you position it in your garden.