



### For each Bug House you will need:

About 50 plastic drinking straws/thin bamboo poles

Twine/string

Tape

Small stones/pieces of paper)

Scissors

Saw (if using bamboo poles)

*Optional: coffee can & thin wire*

### Method:

If needed, cut the plastic straws (or bamboo poles) to about 20 cm long.

Tape or tie them into a bunch with tape or wire.

Fill one end of the straw or bamboo ends with the small stones or small balls of paper. Or, you can stand up the straws/poles into a coffee can.

Pack the can tightly so the straws or poles don't fall out.

Tie a long piece of string around the middle of the straws/poles.

This string will be used to hang your Tube Bug House.

Hang the bug house somewhere nice!

### Hanging tips

Keep the rain out! If rain gets in the bug house, your insects could drown.

Tilt the front slightly downwards when hanging it, so water can drain out.

Secure it carefully so that your bug home can't be blown away in the wind.

Put up your bug home in the beginning of spring, when the insects come out.

### Location tips

Hang tubes and boxes in a tree or shrub.

Bug boxes should be hung in a warm dry place, against a wall where it is warm but not too hot.

Keep it out of direct sunlight.

Place the bug box in a sheltered spot. Don't put it out in the open (like the middle of your lawn).

Don't hide it too well or the insects won't find it.

Mason bees like their homes up high. Bumblebees like homes close to the ground.

