



Mason Bee House

Recommended ages - all ages! Parent supervision is encouraged.

Create a home for these helpful pollinators.

Materials:

- Coffee can (or similar sized can)
- Straws (plastic or compostable if house will be sheltered from elements)
- String
- Drill or a hammer and nail
- Paint (optional)

Instructions:

1. Drill or hammer two small holes in the coffee can, on the same side, with one towards the opening and one towards the base.
2. Thread a string through the coffee can and out the holes, such that it has enough length to then be tied up and hung.
3. Cut your straws so that they are no longer than the length of the coffee can.
4. Assemble the straws inside the can and pack them in as tightly as you can.
5. Paint the can if you desire; just remember to paint with something non-toxic and water resistant.
6. Hang your mason bee house outside, or, if you prefer, mount it on a wooden post.

