



D.I.Y. Bee Nest Instructions

Tools/Materials Needed: scrap wood, drill & 6" bits, wire, screws & screwdriver

- Use untreated scrap lumber or pieces of tree limbs
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- Glue or bolt small pieces of wood together to create a larger nest if desired
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- Drill holes in wood with 3/16", 1/4", and/or 5/16" bits. Make holes at least 3" deep, 1" apart, and be sure they dead-end! (do not go all the way through.)
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- Drill holes horizontally or tilted slightly up at the back to prevent them filling in rain
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- Remove all sawdust from holes
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- Use screws to attach a length of wire on the back for hanging
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- Install the nest where it is protected from excessive wind, rain, and sun and attach it so it won't shake, vibrate or move too much. Can be full or part shade.
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- Finish the wood if desired, with a 50/50 mix of turpentine and linseed oil but avoid the bee holes.
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- Leafcutters, Mason bees, and other small bees will find and use the nest from late spring to fall. They cap tunnels when finished with egg laying.
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- Don't worry about cleaning the tunnels, the bees take care of that and reuse the nest sites.

NOTE: Your nest will not attract honeybees or killer bees and is safe to have near walkways, patios, and play spaces. The bees that use it are solitary and docile.