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HOW TO BUILD A HEDGEHOG HOUSE

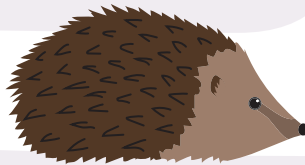
YOU'LL NEED

- Two paving slabs (about 45cm x 45cm)
- 20 (or so) bricks
- Dry leaves, straw, hay or shredded newspaper
- Gloves

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS...

1. Find a sheltered spot near a hedge or fence. With help, carefully lay down a paving slab. This will be the base.
2. Place the first row of bricks edge side up, around the edge of the paving slab. Make sure to leave a 12cm gap for the entrance, which should be south facing.
3. Place the second-row flat side up.
4. Add some hay, sticks, shredded newspaper, or dry leaves.
5. Add the remaining paving slab on top for the roof – ask for help if you need it!
6. Cover the home with large logs, sticks and leaves but keep the entrance clear.
7. Wait to see if a hedgehog visits!

ADDITIONAL TIPS



Deter uninvited guests like cats and rodents from your hedgehog house by placing it away from garden boundaries, and by extending the entrance way with bricks or wood.

In spring, once you're sure the hedgehogs have finished hibernating, clean out the box using warm soapy water. Be warned, hedgehogs can be quite messy!

You can also buy wooden hedgehog homes online. If you do, be sure to make it waterproof and obscure the home by covering with logs, sticks and leaves.

