

CRAFT KITS FROM THE
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BUGGY BUNGALOW!

Now that the weather is warmer it's a great time to build a little backyard bungalow for the insects that are good for our yards and gardens! Ladybugs, beetles and more are looking for shelters where they can nest and stay safe from the elements. Your snug little house will be perfect!



Supplies in kit

- 3 bamboo tubes
- stickers to decorate the outside of your buggy bungalow

What you'll need from home

- 1 clean soda, milk, or juice bottle
- optional: permanent-colored markers, to add decorative color to your house
- small sticks, twigs, leaves, and dried grasses (small pinecones are good too if you can find them)

Directions

1. Select and clean your container. Next an **ADULT ONLY** should carefully cut off the top part of the container.



2. Decorate this container with stickers and optional markers.



3. Head outside and gather as many twigs, sticks, dried grasses, and leaves as possible so that you can pack them into the container snugly. Add the bamboo tubes to the mix to provide a space for the bugs that like to nest in them. (Optional: I added a couple of small stones to help keep the house steady on the ground).



4. Finally, find a sheltered and stable area off the ground where you can safely tuck your Buggy Bungalow. Now all you have to do is wait and see who will be moving in!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman

Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk

It Fell from the Sky by the Fan Brothers

Du Iz Tak? by Carson Ellis

The Bug Club by Elise Gravel



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