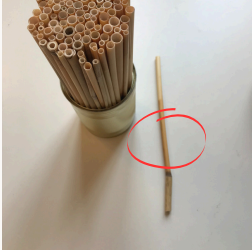
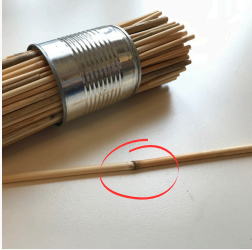


INSTRUCTIONS ON MAKING A BUG HOTEL FOR WILD BEES

- MATERIAL**
- A clean, empty tin can
 - Natural reeds (e.g. from a home and garden store)
 - **Important:** get reeds of various diameters
 - Sandpaper
 - If necessary, a jigsaw to shorten the reeds

- 1.**
- 1. Cut the reed stems to a length of approx. 20 cm
 - **Important:** Make sure to prevent splintering of the reed stems, otherwise the bees may not accept the bug hotel

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove only the lid of the can; choose reeds which have the culm node closer toward one end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove both the lid and the bottom of the can and choose reed tubes with the culm node located more toward the middle of the stem
	

- 2.**
- 1. Using sandpaper, carefully clean the reed stem hole



- 3.**
- **1. One-sided bug hotel:** Place the reed stems in the can with hole facing upwards (so the bees can get in)
 - **Two-sided bug hotel:** Push the reed stems into the can so they protrude on both sides by roughly the same length.
- Important:** Pack the reed tubes as tightly as possible in the can, otherwise birds will pick them out

AND YOUR BUG HOTEL IS FINISHED!



NOTE

- Note: Place the bug hotel in a very sunny location protected from rain.
- Having flowering resources and regional plant species in the immediate vicinity is optimal placement for the bees (e.g. garden or balcony).
- It is a good idea to protect the bug hotel from predators (birds), such as by attaching a chicken wire or similar, through which the bees can pass.
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