

# How to build a hedgehog home



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## You will need:

**Plastic or polystyrene storage box, knife or scissors, water resistant paint, paint brush, twigs, dry leaves and a brick.**

It is estimated that there were over 30 million hedgehogs in the UK in the 1950s. But recent estimates suggest there are less than a million left. Which is a shame as hedgehogs are a gardeners friend as they love to

eat pests such as slugs, beetles and caterpillars and just like you they need a home to find shelter in. Placing your hedgehog home outside during spring or summer means it will be ready when they're house-hunting in autumn.



**Step 1:** Get a large plastic or polystyrene storage box.



**Step 3:** Paint your box to help it camouflage in the garden. Make sure to use water resistant paint.



**Step 2:** Using a knife or scissors, cut an entrance in the box. Young people will need an adult helper to assist them. If you are using a plastic box cover any sharp edges with masking tape.



**Step 4:** Tuck the box under or near a hedge, facing south if possible. Place a brick on top of the hedgehog home to weigh it down. You can add leaves and twigs inside the box to encourage a hedge-hog to set up home.

Be sure to recycle these materials once they need replacing