



BUILD A MINIBEAST MANSION

Minibeasts are valuable friends to our gardens and vital to the natural world. They are essential in encouraging the pollination of flowers and plants and are useful workers when it comes to decomposition. It's really important that we look after them.

Building a minibeast house provides a good temporary shelter and protects them from the elements.

Create a mansion full of different natural materials, to provide hidey-holes for creepy crawlies galore!

WHAT YOU NEED:

Empty tissue box, dry leaves, pinecones, bark, twigs, moss, woodchips, grass, stones, shells, hollow stems from shrubs and plants.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

- An empty tissue box is a great resource to make your minibeast mansion in.
- Explore your garden to collect natural materials such as twigs, moss, woodchips, grass, bark, fallen leaves, stones...
- Start to build up your minibeast mansion with all the natural material you have collected. Be as imaginative as you like!
- To cater for as many of the creepy crawlies as possible, site your finished minibeast mansion where some of it will catch the sun, but the rest will be in the shade under a tree or near a hedge in your garden.
- Wait a couple of days, then go and observe the tiny guests that have moved in!

Please remember -

- Do not disturb any minibeasts whilst hunting for the materials.
- To wash your hands carefully with warm water and soap once you have finished making your minibeast mansion.

We'd love to see your minibeast mansions and hear all about what tiny guests have moved in - share on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter with **#ArmchairAgriculture**

