

Build a Nest for a Bumblebee

Bumblebees make similar nests to honeybees, but much, much smaller and not so well organised! They sometimes nest in empty mouse burrows but you can make a bumblebee home out of a flower pot. Many bee species are in decline so it's great to help them out if you can by providing food (flowers) and nest sites.

You will need

- a terracotta (orange clay) flower pot about 20cm across the top and with just one hole in the bottom.

Instructions

Dig a small hole under a bush and half-bury the pot upside down with a bit of dry grass or dry moss inside, and Hey Presto! A bumblebee nest! It needs to be somewhere not too hot and not too cold. Somewhere where it gets a bit of sun for half the day should do

