

Make a Hog House



Teacher Summary Sheet

Introduction

While you're awake, hedgehogs are asleep. Build the perfect snooze palace to keep a hog happy.

Resources

- Big, thick cardboard box
- Scissors
- Large, strong carrier bag
- Old newspapers
- Clean, dry straw or grass
- Twigs

Suggested Lesson Plan

1. Make an entrance to your box about 15cm square.



2. Cut slots at each side 15cm long and 5cm wide. These will be air vents.
3. Put torn newspapers together with dry grass or straw inside.
4. Tuck the box in a sheltered spot near a hedge or bush. The entrance needs to face south if possible. Rain doesn't often blow in from the south.
5. Cover the top of the box with the carrier bag.



6. Stack twigs up all around the box and on top, so that the whole thing starts to look like a camel's hump. Fill in the gaps with more leaves and grass.



7. Now leave it well alone and hope that you get a hoggy visitor.

Though it's very tempting, don't look inside your hog house between May and September. If a mother has her babies there, she might abandon them.

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