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- What materials and tools do you need for this project?
- Where will you get your materials and tools? How will you pay for them?
- When and where will you build your bee hotels?
- Where will you set up your bee hotels?

Do:

- Build your bee hotels.
- Set them up in gardens where the bees can help to pollinate the plants.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How could you tell if your bee hotels were a success?
- In what ways did your Patrol work as a team on this project?
- What would you do differently next time if you were to do this again?
- Will you check on your bee hotels next spring to see if they are still in good shape?

Safety note:

- What safety practices do you need to keep in mind when using tools to build your bee hotel?
- Don't forget to post signs on your bee hotels. People should stay away from them to avoid being stung.
- Bee stings can be deadly. Scouts who are allergic to stings should be prepared with **EpiPens**, even though bees will probably only move into the hotels after they've been set up.

Online Resources:

- [Learn all about insect hotels](#)
- [How to build a bee hotel](#)
- [Bee hotels hang out a welcome sign for solitary bees](#)
- [Alarming increase in bee mortality](#)

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The Adventure:

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Because of the use of pesticides and the destruction of natural habitat, the overall bee population in Canada is in significant decline.

What can your Patrol do to help? Build a bee hotel to create a safe place for solitary bees to stay. These are easy to build, and can be a valuable addition to any garden. Remember—bees help grow food!



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