Make a bug hotel

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Bugs love an untidy garden! Piles of leaves provide a food source for some bugs and shelter for others. For many bugs, a heap of autumn leaves is the ideal place to hibernate through the winter. If you have a garden with no room for a bug-friendly patch of untidiness, why not make a bug hotel out of a 'tidy' leaf pile?



How to make it:

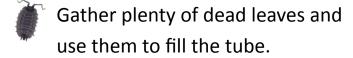


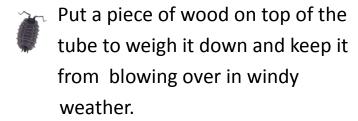
Roll the chicken-wire or plastic mesh into a tube and tie it in place using four twists of plastic covered garden wire.

You will need:

- Plastic mesh or chicken-wire
- Garden string/wire
- A flat piece of wood
- A pile of dead leaves

Take some dead plant stems or twigs and poke them through the sides of the tube at the bottom. Overlap the twigs to form a natural mesh which will stop the leaves from falling out.









Put your hotel in a quiet, shady corner of the garden for your bugs to enjoy.