

SOLITARY BEE HOTELS

In the Book of Proverbs, we read that a Tzaddik (righteous person) knows the needs of their animals. This activity will help you learn about the needs of some really important and tiny animals and how to help them out!

Just like people, there are some bees who live in large groups (such as honey bees) and some solitary bees who live alone (most bees that are native to North America). Solitary bees like to live in small tight spaces, to protect their babies from predators.

DURATION	20 minutes
AUDIENCE	4 years +
SETTING	Indoors/ Outdoors
THEME	Habitats, Pollinators

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The toilet paper roll will function as the frame of your bee hotel.
2. Roll a piece of paper (as long as the tp roll is deep) around a pencil (for a small solitary bee) or a large marker (for larger solitary bees), and slide it into the hotel.
3. Keep making paper rolls until the hotel is full of smaller rolls.
4. Decorate the outside of the hotel so that it will be welcoming!
5. Find a spot to place or hang your bee hotel outdoors. Think about where might be a safe and happy spot for solitary bees to visit or live!

OR (If you have access to a yard or garden and an adult to help):

1. Collect hollow sticks and stalks.
2. Bundle them together with the twine.
3. Drill holes into the small logs. Use different size drill bits for different size solitary bees.
4. Assemble the logs and other natural materials into your bee hotel.
5. Find a welcoming spot to place the hotel in the garden.

MATERIALS

- Toilet paper rolls
- Newspaper or scrap paper
- Pencil and/or marker
- Crayons or markers (optional)
- Twine to hang the bee condo (optional)

OR (with adult help)

- Small logs
- Drill and drill bits of different sizes
- Twine
- Dry flower stalks



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