

Make a Beetle Stack

Making a beetle stack is a way of providing beetles and many other insects with shelter through the winter. This stack is simple to make and costs next to nothing but will make a world of difference to garden wildlife.



Time to make: 30 minutes

Suitable for: all ages but smaller children will need to be supervised

You will need:

Straight shrub and tree pruning

Bamboo cane, short

Secateurs

Raffia, or string

Fallen leaves

Gather sticks or winter prunings

Save straight prunings, up to pencil thickness, from shrubs and trees. Cut to 40cm long and remove any side shoots.

Stack the sticks

Push a cane into the ground and build up four layers of prunings in a square around the cane. Tie them at the corners.



Secure the Frame

Layer with smaller squares to make a pyramid and tie the corners as you go. Fill with leaves and secure the frame to the cane.

Leave out as winter home for beetles.

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