

Mason Beehive Craft

Review directions with an adult. Adult supervision is recommended for children.

Materials

- Empty, washed tin can with just one side open
- Paper – (copy paper, newspaper, recycled) cut into strips the height of the can. Depending on the thickness of the paper, you may need to double or triple up the strips for a sturdy roll. You will need around 15 for a small to medium sized can.
- Pencil
- Non-toxic school glue or tape
- 15 inches of twine or string
- Nail and hammer
- Paint suitable for metal if you wish to decorate the can

Step 1: Using the nail and hammer, tap in a hole in the unopened end of the can, close to the edge. Thread twine/string through this hole and out the open end. Tie a secure knot about 6 inches above the can so you can hang it horizontally.

Step 2: Create paper nesting tubes by rolling pieces of paper around a pencil. Double or triple up the strips to make sturdy tubes. Glue or tape at the end to secure. Remove the pencil and allow glue to dry.



Step 3: Place as many nesting tubes as will snugly fit into the tin can.

Step 4: Hang your mason bee house on a tree branch or garden hook with the open end facing the direction of maximum sun, at least 4-6 feet above the ground.