Create a multi-story hotel that's full of all sorts of natural materials.

**Create your own minibeast hotel!**

Once built, monitor what creatures visit your hotel, keep a diary where you can draw a picture of what you find, or be more detailed.

What have you identified?

How many legs does it have?

Does it have wings?

How many minibeasts are there altogether?

**You can choose any of the following:**

* Old wooden pallets
* Strips of wood
* Straw
* Dry leaves
* Woodchips
* Old terracotta pots
* Bricks, preferably those with holes through them
* Old logs
* Bark
* Pine cones
* Sand
* Soil
* Dead hollow stems cut from shrubs and herbaceous plants
* Whatever else you can find - preferably natural materials

**Method:**

1. **Choose a suitable site.**It needs to be level and the ground firm
2. **Fill the gaps.** The idea is to provide all sorts of different nooks and crannies, crevices, tunnels and cosy beds
3. **Add a 'roof'.** When you think you've gone high enough, making sure the stack remains stable, put a roof on to keep it relatively dry. Use old roof tiles or some old planks.
4. If possible, surround your hotel with nectar-rich flowers – essential food for butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects.
5. Give your hotel a creative sign so the insects know its open!

