



MATERIALS

30–40 paper drinking straws or paper, pencil, and tape to make your own

Metal soup or bean can, washed and dried

Scissors

Wood glue

2 or 3 cardboard toilet tissue or paper towel tubes

Twine or string

BE HOME, BEES

Honeybees are not native to North America. They were one of the many farmed animals brought by European settlers. Most native North American bees are smaller than honeybees and nest in holes and crevices, not hives. This whole-lot-of-holes native bee home is a bee-utiful part of any backyard habitat.

Need help? Watch the video <https://youtu.be/cByH6saBYEg>

HOW TO



1 If you don't have paper straws, you can make your own. Roll a small sheet of paper around a pencil two or three times. Tape the edge of the paper and pull out the pencil.

2 Cut the paper straws or tubes to be about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.3 cm) shorter than the can.



3 Squeeze a thick coating of glue into the bottom of the empty can and spread it around. Fit two or three cardboard tubes into the can. (Cut paper towel tubes to fit.)



4 Fill the cardboard tubes and the area around them with the paper straws. Pat all the pieces down to be sure they are touching the glue. Let dry.



5 Tie twine or string about one third of the way from the bottom of the can. Hang your bee house from a tree branch, fence, or porch railing. Tilt the open end a bit downward to keep out rain.