

Make a bumblebee nest

How would you like to “bee” kind? Bumblebee queens are on the lookout for a nest to raise their young. And you could make one for them!

- 1** Dig a hole so that when the pot is turned upside down, about a third of it will go into the hole.



- 2** Dig a trench about 10 cm deep and about 20 cm long.

- 3** Put hay, straw, or bedding into the pot so that it is about a third full.

- 4** Ask an adult to cut little holes in the hosepipe along one side with the scissors. These will allow water to drain out.



You will need

- Clay flower pot about 20 cm across at the top
- Tile or piece of slate
- Half metre piece of hosepipe
- Scissors
- Hay, straw or pet bedding

- 5** Put one end of the hose into the pot, then carefully tip the pot upside down into the hole, letting the rest of the hose sit at the bottom of the trench (with the holes downwards).

- 6** Bury most of the hosepipe in soil, but leave the end sticking just out of the ground. This is your bee entrance hole.



Stay safe

Cross fingers that a bee moves in. Don't worry about bumblebees stinging you – as long as you don't hurt them, they won't harm you.