

Helping Folks “Catch the Buzz”

Native Bee Hotels for Littles

Here is an easy craft for littles, requiring only the following:

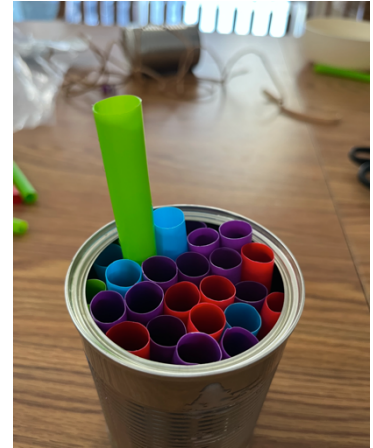
- Empty tin cans, with top lid and paper label removed (soup cans are best)
- Jumbo plastic straws
- Scissors
- Rubber bands
- String or twine (optional)

1. Gather all materials.
2. Have students cut several straws in half.
3. Gather straw halves into a bundle approximately the circumference of the can.
4. Use a rubber band to hold the bundle together and place it in the can.



5. Place additional individual straws into the bundle (one at a time) until the can is packed tight and the bundle remains inside the can if turned over.

6. That's it! Place the bee hotel on the ground in a sunny spot in a flowerbed. You can use stones or bricks to stabilize it.



7. Or you can get fancy if you have enough time and materials! My grandsons stacked three hotels into a pyramid, held it together with a large rubber band, tied it with twine and created a larger hotel with three “floors.”

