

# How To Make A Mason Bee House

Supplies: Waterproof container, brown paper, pencil, tape, natural clay (optional)

1. Clean, rinse and dry your container. It is best if the container is long enough to hold paper tubes are 6 to 7 inches long.
2. Cut paper into pieces that are 2.5 to 3.5 inches wide and about 7 inches long.
3. Use a pencil to tightly roll the paper into a tube that is 8mm in diameter and 7 inches long.
4. Use a small piece of tape to prevent the tube from unrolling. Tubes should not be reused to prevent spreading pathogens.
5. One end of the tube must be closed. You can either fold the paper over and secure with tape or use a natural clay that will dry to close off the tube.
6. Put the tubes into the container. It is best if they are not all the same length. The tubes should not extend past the end of the container to protect them from water.
7. Hang your bee house on a South or Southeast facing wall at eye level for easy viewing. A wire mesh can be added to prevent birds from preying on the bees.

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