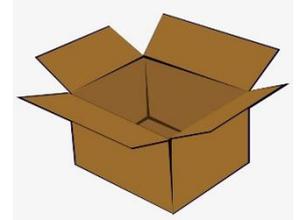




Science Activity
Messy area in the garden
Time to prepare: 5 minutes



□ Please, stay safe and ask a grown up to supervise you

Resources/ things you need

- Leaves
- Stones
- Twigs
- Moss
- Weeds, for example daisies or dandelions
- Grass

What to do

1. Find a **small, flat, firm area** in the garden, or use an old plant pot on its side. If there is a shaded bit of the garden this would be best but anywhere is fine!
2. Gather from the garden some **leaves, small stones, twigs, any moss, weeds and grass**. You can collect anything else like petals that you think small bugs and insects will like.
3. Use your **twigs and arrange them randomly** however you like, on top of each other, next to each other, in a pile, overlapping each other. Have fun!
4. Next, put some **moss and leaves** in amongst your arrangement of twigs.
5. Finally, **lay over some grass** and a few petals if you have any.
6. Carefully **watch each day** to see if you have any small visitors!

Background and the link to learning

You are making a **habitat** (a home) for insects and bugs. Like them or loath them, insects are often at the beginning of the **food chain** (what eats what) and are really important for animals and plants to survive. Keep a nature diary - Carefully watch your messy area each day and see if any insects or bugs use it as their home. You could draw what you see, or write a sentence about any visitors you have. How does the grass, petals and moss change over time and why do you think this is?

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