How to ... build a bug house

Activity from Museum Victoria

1. Find an empty and clean milk carton.

2. With the help of a grown-up, cut off the top of the milk carton.

3. Cover the top of the milk carton to keep the rain out.

4. Like us, the snails, ladybirds and bugs in the garden can get the winter chill. Give them somewhere warm to go with this bug house!

5. Fill the carton with twigs and leaves.

6. Find a spot in the garden for your bug house and watch the insects move in!

If you like, you can decorate your bug house, making sure to cut out a door to let your insect visitors in and out of their house.

You could also use other sorts of containers for your bug house: tins, cans, ice-cream tubs, or magazine or magazine containers. Just cut holes in the sides — remember to get the help of a grown-up for this.