



# BUG HOTEL

Welcome bugs to your backyard with a bug hotel! Bugs are a vital part of your backyard ecosystem and by providing them with somewhere to live you will encourage them to stick around.

## **You will need:**

- A wooden crate or wooden pallets
- A mixture of dead wood, bark, straw, hay, coconut fibre, dry leaves, corrugated cardboard and wool
- A plastic bottle with the top and bottom cut off
- An adult to help you

## **How to make your bug hotel:**

- There is no right or wrong way to make a bug hotel! Start by stacking your crates or pallets.
- Get creative and start filling the gaps with the other materials. Roll up corrugated cardboard and put it inside the plastic bottle to keep it dry.
- Once you have filled your bug hotel, tuck it under a tree or in a corner in your backyard. Keep an eye on it, you may see some backyard heroes check into the hotel!

For extra inspiration, take a trip to Brooklands Zoo in Pukekura Park and have a look at their busy bug hotel.