

# Build a Ladybird Lodge

There are around 50 species of ladybird in the UK, and all of them start to hibernate in Autumn - to keep them safe from the cold Winter and help them survive when their usual food isn't available. This ladybird lodge will provide them with somewhere to hide in the Winter months!

## What you'll need:



Two flat pieces of wood or tiles



Pine cones



Small twigs



Dry Leaves

## How to make your lodge:

### Step 1:

Find a sheltered place outside (or in a shed) where your lodge won't be disturbed by humans or bad weather.



### Step 2:

Push three pinecones together in a row by pushing their scales together. This will create lots of gaps and hidey holes for creatures to live in.

### Step 3:

Put your row of pinecones on the ground where you'd like your lodge to sit. Add more rows of pinecones until the base is the right size. You can use twigs pushed into the scales to hold the pinecones together if you want to.



### Step 4:

Fill in any gaps with dry leaves. Add more pinecones on top to make a small pyramid.

### Step 5:

Add a roof by leaning your tiles or flat wood in a pyramid shape. Add extra pinecones to fill any gaps if needed. Wait for ladybirds and other creatures to move in!

### Top Tip:

When pinecones get wet their scales close up. Adding a roof will stop this from happening!