

# Make a beetle bucket

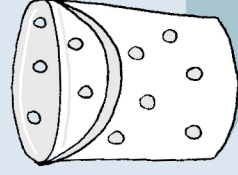
Perfect for smaller gardens!

Fill a bucket with rotting wood and leaves and make the perfect home for all sorts of beetles and other insects. Making your beetle habitat in an old plastic container means you can easily find it again to top up or examine the contents (make sure to replace everything straight away after examining).

## You will need

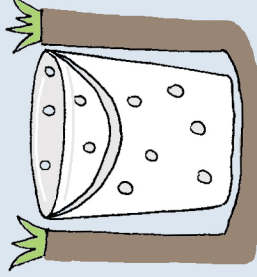
- A bucket, trug, or other durable, upcycled container
- A small craft knife
- Stones
- Bark chips and/or leaves
- Small logs (that will fit in your container when upright)
- A spade

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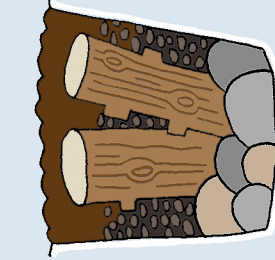
Safely cut small circular holes (around 3cm wide) in the sides and bottom of the bucket for beetles to enter and exit.

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Dig a hole just larger than your bucket and sink it into the ground.

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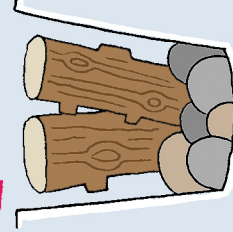
Fill the rest of the bucket with bark chips and/or garden leaves, leaving around 10cm at the top to fill with some soil dug from the ground.

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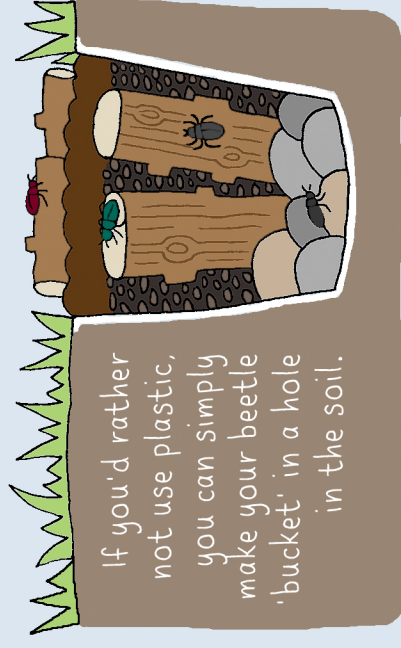
Top the soil with a couple more logs to tempt in beetles – from above or below!

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Place some large stones at the bottom of the bucket, then stand some small logs upright on top.



These will rot and make lovely spots for female beetles to lay their eggs.



If you'd rather not use plastic, you can simply make your beetle 'bucket' in a hole in the soil.