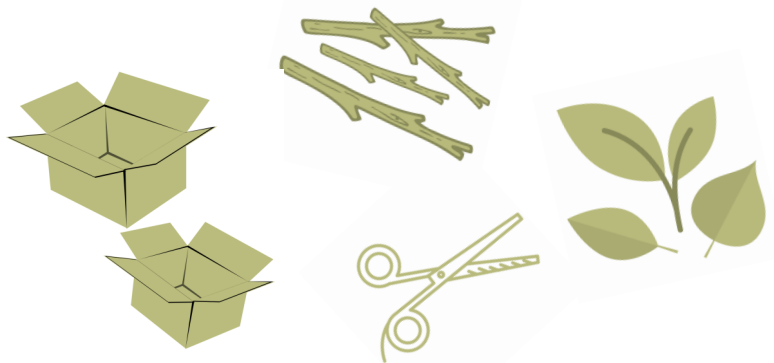# The Secret Path
In THE GARDENS

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HOW TO

Build a home

for a hedgehog

Build a cosy hedgehog home and encourage your prickly pals to find a safe space in your garden!

You will need...

- Cardboard boxes (different sizes)
- Scissors
- Dried leaves, hay, straw or moss
- Twigs, sticks or branches.

Instructions...

1. Find a nice spot in your garden or backyard, in a shady area out of the wind.

2. Turn the large box upside down and ask an adult to help cut an entry hole in one side. Make your home extra secure by adding an entrance tunnel using your second (smaller box). Cut 2 holes in the smaller box, one for a main entrance and one to line up with the entrance of the larger box, attach the two boxes together. You can also cut out some air vents in the sides so your hedgehog friend has some natural airflow while they are sleeping.

3. Make the hedgehog house nice and cosy using dry leaves, shredded paper or straw inside. Hedgehogs like smaller leaves such as birch, oak, hawthorn or hazel.

4. Hedgehogs like nicely decorated houses too! Why not cover the boxes with twigs, moss and dry leaves. You can even cover it with soil to make it sturdy against the weather. Make sure not to cover the air vents or the entrance.

5. Your hedgehog house is now ready!

Did you know?

They are called hedgehogs for a reason...

The 'Hedge' part of their name comes from where they build their nests in hedges, bushes and shrubs. The 'hog' part comes from the small snorting/grunting sound they make which is similar to a pig/warthog.