

Make a hog house

While you're awake, hedgehogs are asleep. Build the perfect snooze palace to keep a hog happy.

- 1 Make an entrance to your box about 15 cm square.



- 2 Cut slots at each side 15 cm long and 5 cm wide. These will be air vents.

- 3 Put torn newspapers together with dry grass or straw inside.

- 4 Tuck the box in a sheltered spot near a hedge or bush. The entrance needs to face south if possible. Rain doesn't often blow in from the south.

- 5 Cover the top of the box with the carrier bag.



You will need

- Big, thick cardboard box
- Scissors
- Large, strong carrier bag
- Old newspapers
- Clean, dry straw or grass
- Twigs

- 6 Stack twigs up all around the box and on top, so that the whole thing starts to look like a camel's hump. Fill in the gaps with more leaves and grass.



- 7 Now leave it well alone and hope that you get a hoggy visitor.

Be hog-friendly

Though it's very tempting, don't look inside your hog house between May and September. If a mother has her babies there, she might abandon them.

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