

How to Build a Basic Solitary Bee House



Materials

- 1 **UNTREATED** Wood Log (6" or larger diameter, and 6" or longer)
- Various Drill Bits between 1/8" and 5/16"

Procedure

Step 1: Turn log so that it is standing straight up with one of its flat ends on the work surface

Step 2: Take your drill or drill press and insert a drill bit between 1/8" and 5/16"

Step 3: Make as many 4"-7" deep holes as possible, while not drilling into other holes or through the back of the log. Do this by drilling a few holes with one bit, and then moving on to another, and repeat with various drill bits from the range listed above. (Do not drill all the way through.)

Step 4: *This is optional.* Take some rectangular pieces of wood and screw to the top of the log to form a roof. Though not required, highly recommended so that precipitation runs off onto the ground, rather than just seeping into the house and ruining it.

Step 5: Hang or mount in the way that you see fit.

Step 6: [Register](#) your new bee house on the map page of BeeKindMN.org!

Mounting Suggestions: A chain mounted with screws or bolts. Mount the house to a pole and drive insert into the ground. Attach a board to the back and screw the board to a tree.

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