



# APPALACHIAN FOREST NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

## Project: Mason Bee Home (Air Bee and Bee)

### Materials:

1 can (one or both ends removed) or bottle with at least the neck end removed (6 inches long is ideal)

Small Sticks

Scrap paper (around 15 sheets)

Pen, pencil or marker

String Twine or Yarn

Tape

Anything you want to use for decoration



### Step 1:

Decorate your bottle or can, if you would like it to be waterproof, decorate the inside of a clear bottle.

### Step 2:

Cut scrap paper to be the same height as your can or bottle. Roll each sheet around your marker and secure with tape to make your bee tunnels.

### Step 3:

Fill the space inside the can or bottle with your paper rolls and twigs.

### Step 4:

Cut two long pieces of string. Wrap one two times around the front end of the can or bottle and tie in a knot. Repeat at the back end. Tie the two ends together to create your hanger.

### Step 5:

Hang in an area that gets morning sun if possible. Your bees will build cocoons for their offspring in the warm months and the new bees will emerge in the spring.

For information on how to plant a pollinator garden for your bees or more information on supporting pollinators see our website:

<https://www.appalachianforestnha.org/pollinator-initiative>