

# Preschool Summer STEAM Saturdays

## Bug House

**A bug house helps to grow the ecosystem because it gives a place for bug to visit and make a home.**

To gather the supplies needed for your bug house, head to your backyard or go on a hike!

Materials Needed:

- Twigs, leaves, bark
- Cardboard
- Small pots, jars
- Toilet paper rolls
- Rolled up paper

Instructions:

1. You will need a structure to put the materials you gathered in. Ideas are: a wooden box, a potting pot tipped on its side, an upcycled bird house, or even a cookie tin. The ideas are endless! Use your imagination.
2. You will need to make compartments for your bug house. Start placing the supplies you gathered into your structure. Play around till you think you have a great house for bugs to live in. You can also use rocks or twigs to fill in the spaces. All the bugs need is a lot of hidey-holes to set up their homes.
3. Where to put your bug house? A wood pile or a garden would work great! Or how about a nice dark place, with a little bit of shelter?

What kinds of bugs will you find in your bug house? You might find the following bugs in the house:

- Beetles
- Ladybugs
- Solitary bees
- Butterflies
- Spiders

Can you identify the different bugs?

Books:

- Fly Guys Presents Insects by Tedd Arnold
- Bugs: Hide and Seek by Laura Buller
- Bug Hunter by David Burnie
- Bugs by Eva Steele- Saccio
- Insect Detective by Steve Voake
- What's Your Favorite Bug? Eric Carle

