

# MASON BEE HABITAT

Mason bees pollinate but don't sting, so they are great to make homes for. With our bee decline, a bee habitat is a great project to make. We need bees for many reasons. They are the primary pollinators for many foods that we eat everyday including strawberries, pecans, potatoes, and coffee. Unfortunately, the bee decline is from insecticides, pesticides, climate change and more. Bees need our help. Making them a habitat is the perfect way to help.

## Materials:

1. Tin Can (empty canned good works well)
2. Bamboo pieces, length of can and enough to fit tightly inside
3. Craft Paint or Spray Paint, yellow and black
4. Paintbrush
5. String
6. Hammer and Nail



## Instructions:

1. Paint the outside of the can yellow and let dry.
2. Paint 2 black stripes around the can and let dry.
3. Using the nail and hammer, pound 2 little holes in the can, one on each end of the sidewall.
4. Tie a piece of string through the holes, so you have a hanger for your house.
5. Place all the bamboo pieces in the can, making sure they are snug.
6. Hang your Bee house outside in your favorite tree and wait for the bees to move in.

Have fun!