

# CREATE A BEE-FRIENDLY GARDEN

Even if you only have a small space, like a balcony or windowsill, you can grow a haven for bees and other pollinators.

## VARIETY IS GOOD

Choose plants that flower at different times, so that bees will always have something to eat. Plants like ivy bloom later in the summer, when other flowers have finished blooming.

## ROOM TO GROW

Leave space among your plants so they have room to grow.

## WATER FOR BEES

Scatter rocks in a shallow dish and add just enough water so the tops of the rocks stay dry for bees to stand on.

## CHOOSE NATIVE SPECIES

Native species are plants that grow naturally in your part of the world, rather than those that come from other, faraway places.

## THE CONTAINER

Get a large pot, basin, window box, hanging basket, or old kitchen pot. Just about anything will do!

## TALK TO GARDENERS

The plants that will grow well in your garden depend on what growing zone you live in. Your local nursery will know what grows best where you are.

## KEEP IT FLOWERING

Remove or pinch off any wilted blooms. This will encourage more flowers to blossom and allow bees (and you!) to get the most from your planting.

## ROCKS FOR DRAINAGE

Put a layer of rocks in the bottom of your container to allow water to drain—otherwise, the roots of your plants can rot!

## MULCH IT

Arrange your plants, cover the roots with more soil or compost, then sprinkle a layer of mulch to keep the moisture in and reduce weeds.



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