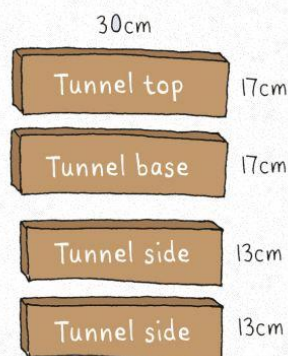


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Step 1

Cut your timber to the dimensions shown. Assemble the tunnel and main chamber separately; attaching the feet and the hinge flap before putting the box together will make things a little easier. Don't be tempted to skip the tunnel – it means that predators won't be able to swipe their paws inside! The tunnel will be slightly shorter than the height of the opening so that it can be slotted in at an angle, making a

ramp. You can also drill a hole that will fit a hosepipe into the back of the box to add some extra ventilation.

Step 2

Pick a shady, quiet spot to put your assembled hedgehog house. Lift the lid off the house, and put the newspaper, leaves and dry grass inside.

Step 3

Cover with polythene sheeting (making sure it's still accessible for cleaning later on), and pack soil and dead leaves around the outside, leaving the entrance and air pipe free of debris.

Remember:

Clear out the hedgehog house once a year (late March – early April) to prevent the build-up of pests. Do not clean it out if a hedgehog is in residence though!

Making a log pile or compost heap are also good options for providing space for hedgehogs to nest, and have the added bonus of attracting lots of insects for them to eat!

Our holiday project.

With Jack's help we put together a Hedgehog Box.

Jack cut the tunnel and legs to size,



He then drilled, glued and screwed the box and tunnel together leaving Grandad to cover the box and fit the lid.



Jack checks the box in the Parish garden



All great fun with a quick count up at the end we both had all fingers intact