

How to make a Bug House

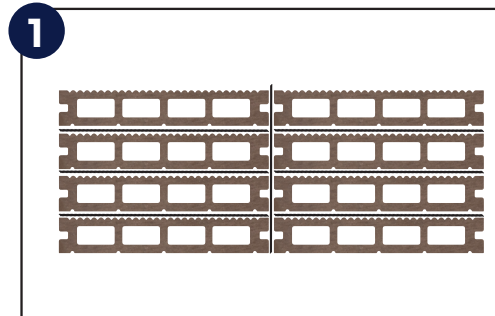
Create your own long life and sustainable bug house with off cuts of Cladco composite decking.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

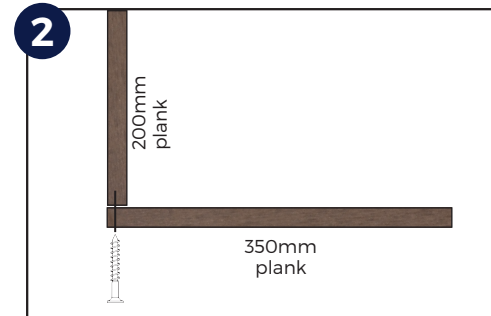
- 8 planks of hollow decking cut to 50mm lengths, or use your sample pack
- Silicone sealant or screws
- **FRAME**
2 planks to 350mm in length, 50mm in width
2 planks to 200mm in length, 50mm in width
- **BACK**
2 planks to 350mm in length, 125mm in width
- Chicken wire approximately 270x110mm
- 6 Pine cones or natural material
- 9 staples and hammer
- Hand saw
- Screw driver
- 16 screws approximately 35mm in length.

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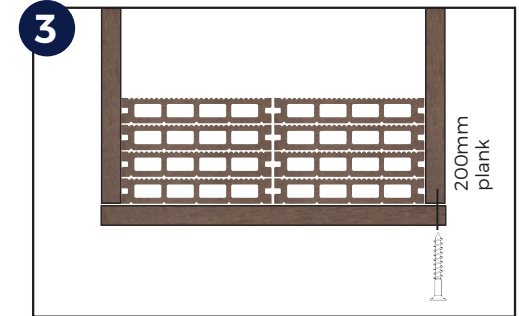
Snap a picture of your Cladco Composite Decking Bird House and send it to images@cladco.co.uk or use the [#cladcoenvironmental](https://www.instagram.com/cladcoenvironmental) for your chance to feature on Cladco Social media platforms.



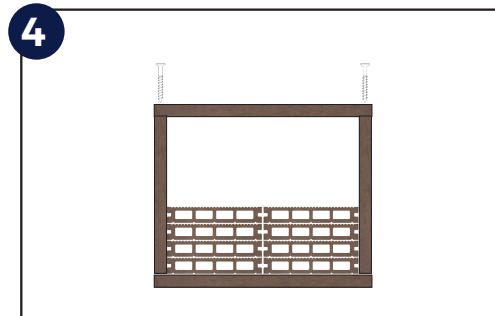
This step will make the cone effect inside square. Using Silicone sealant to glue 4 decking hollow sample pieces on top of one another. Repeat this again and glue the two columns together. Place a heavy object on top and leave to dry for 24 hours.
NOTE: If you haven't got silicone sealant you can use screws instead.



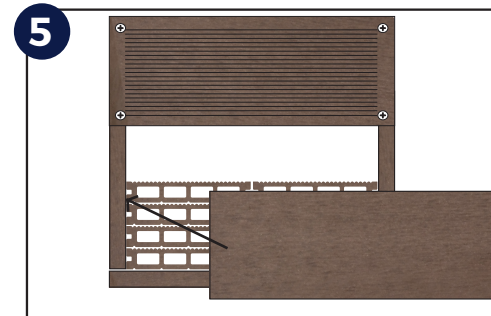
Take your 350mm base plank and a 200mm plank and using 2 screws on each edge, screw together to make a corner. If you do not have screws you can use glue however we advise screws to give additional strength. Take care when drilling through composite so it does not split.



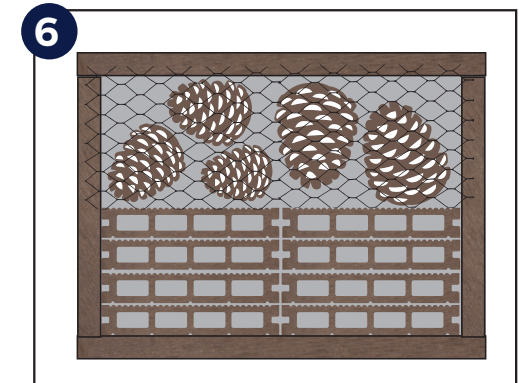
Next place your dry hollow columns up against the corner and glue in place. Take another 200mm side plank and using 2 screws, screw together in each corner.



Take the remaining 350mm plank and using 4 screws on each corner. Screw the plank to the top of the bug house. Again take care not to split the decking boards when screwing through the material.



Next use the two remaining 350mm planks and 8 screws to screw to the back of the bug house. It's important to have a back to the bug house to close off the other side for insects to feel secure.



Finally place pine cones or natural materials into the top area in the top and cover with chicken wire, use staples to secure the wire in place.

NOTE: Be careful when doing this as the wire is very sharp.

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Please note this is a guide and you may need to adjust the measurements for your requirements.

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