

# Make a beetle bucket

What good is a bucket with holes in it? Make a brilliant home for little rotters. All sorts of beetles live in rotting wood and leaves. A beetle bucket may be just what they need to survive.

## You will need

- Plastic bucket
- Craft knife
- Stones
- Bark chippings
- Spade
- Logs

- 1** Ask an adult to cut 3 cm circular holes in the sides and bottom of the bucket. These are beetle doorways.



- 2** Dig a bucket-sized hole and put the soil to the side.

- 3** Bury the bucket in the hole. Put big stones in the bottom, then add a couple of logs and stand them on end. Beetles will lay their eggs in the logs and the grubs will eat the rotting wood. Hmm, does that sound yummy?

- 4** Fill the bucket with bark chippings to within about 10 cm of the top, then put a layer of soil over it.



- 5** Put a couple more logs on top and then beetles can choose between the top logs and buried logs. Perfect!

