

How to make a lacewing chamber

Lacewing chambers are easy to make and great for attracting this gardener's friend to your garden.

Equipment:

Large plastic drinks bottle

Corrugated paper or cardboard (a bit of a cardboard box will do)

Scissors

String

Long wooden kebab skewer (the kind used for barbeques)

Sturdy metal skewer

Method.

1. Cut the bottom off the drinks bottle, leave the top on.
2. Measure your cardboard, try to get a strip the same width as the length of your bottle.
3. Cut it long enough so it can roll up and fit in the bottle, this might be trial and error, till you get it right, you can add or take away as you need to so it's a snug fit. Make sure no cardboard sticks out beyond the end of the bottle. Don't worry if there are crinkles and gaps.
4. Now shove it inside the bottle
5. Carefully, make a hole in the bottle half way down from the neck with the metal skewer. push the skewer right through the cardboard and out the other side of the bottle Be careful with the skewer we don't want any accidents!.
6. Now put the wooden skewer through the bottle and cardboard using the hole you just made, this will lock the cardboard in place. Trim the skewer, so there is about 1cm either side.
7. Now make a loop with the string and take of the lid off the bottle. Put the knotted end in the bottle opening and screw the lid back on, use this to hang your Lacewing chamber up!

Done!

