

Make a winter home for ladybirds and lacewings

Lacewings and ladybirds are fantastic at helping to reduce garden pests such as aphids. To increase their winter survival and control pests in the spring months, create a simple lacewing and ladybird home.

You will need:

- A 2 litre plastic drinks bottle
- Corrugated Cardboard
- String or tying wire

Instructions:

- Cut the bottom off the bottle but leave the lid secured to prevent rain getting in the top of the bottle.
- Cut a strip of corrugated cardboard slightly shorter than the length of the bottle ensuring you cut across the corrugations so that the hollows run the length of the bottle.
- Tightly roll the cardboard and pack it into the bottle.
- Fasten string or wire around the bottle top, and hang the bottle from a tree in a sheltered place.

