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# DIY Mason Bee House

## Materials List

- (12") 4x4 Fir or Pine
- (1) Cedar Shingle
- (4) 1 1/8" Galvanized Nails
- (1) Large Sawtooth Hanger
- (1) 5/16" Drill Bit



1. Start with a 12" long piece of 4x4 untreated wood such as pine or fir. Cut a 30 degree angle on one end. (Length and angle can vary depending on desired aesthetic.)



2. Drill 5/16" diameter holes about 1" apart and 3" deep into the face of the 4x4. Be careful not to drill all of the way through the back.



3. Install a large sawtooth hanger on the back to hang the house. (Other mounting options are possible.)



4. Use 1  $\frac{1}{8}$ " galvanized nails to attach a cedar shingle for the roof. Cedar splits easily so you may want to pre-drill small holes before nailing.



5. Install your new mason bee house in a sunny location such as a building, fence post or tree and wait for the bees to find their new home!

**\*Fun Facts about Mason Bees!\***

- Mason bees are solitary meaning they don't live in hives
- Mason bees don't sting
- Mason bees are native pollinators