

# Wednesday Woodland Adventure at home

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Hello everyone!

How lucky we are to have had such beautiful sunshine over the Easter holiday. I do hope that you have managed to enjoy spending some time outside in your garden.

I hope you enjoyed the wild videos I shared on our Facebook page. Look out for more wild news updates!



If you would like to have a go at making your own hedgehog cafe to encourage 'hogs' to visit your garden, simply follow the instructions below.

**You will need a grown up to help you with this activity**

1. You will need a plastic storage box, big enough for a hedgehog to fit inside Remove the lid.
2. Using sharp scissors or a knife cut a hole about 13cm square in one end. Cover the edges with tape so as not to leave any sharp edges that might hurt a hedgehog.
3. Place some newspaper in the bottom and a put dish of food at the far end. You can buy special hedgehog food, but wet cat food or crushed dry dog biscuits are just as tasty. Please **DO NOT** leave out milk for the hedgehogs it will make them poorly. It is important to make sure you leave out fresh water. Replace the lid.
4. Make a tunnel entrance from bricks, this will stop cats or other predators from reaching inside and stealing the food.
5. Place a stone slab or bricks on top of the box and the tunnel, again to prevent predators from stealing the food.  
Place your hedgehog cafe in a sheltered spot in your garden.

**Time to watch.** Very quietly as the sun goes down, go out and sit somewhere within view of the box and hopefully you'll be rewarded with a view of this snuffling, grunting little beauty.



**Be patient and good luck!**

**Did you know** That a hedgehog's spikes are called quills and an average hog will have between 5,000 and 7,000 of them on its back!

**Mrs. Hall**