

MAKE HOLES FOR HEDGEHOGS

*Get an adult to help you with this task.



Did you know that hedgehogs roam about 2 km each night to find food, shelter and a mate? But if you have an enclosed garden, they might not be able to get past. One of the biggest threats to hedgehogs is the reducing space available to them due to our walls and fences. Will you help hedgehogs by making hedgehog holes in your fences?

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First, check with your neighbour that they are happy for you to make the hole. Be sure to explain why you are doing it. Hopefully they will do it to their fences too, giving even more space for hedgehogs to roam.



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Pick where you want to make your holes, make more than one to increase the chance of hedgehogs using your garden. Remember to be careful to not make hole where it will lead hedgehogs onto busy



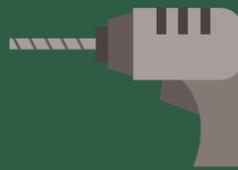
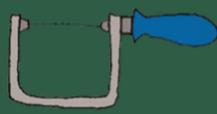
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Draw the shape you want to cut in your fence, an arch is easiest. Make sure to make the hole big enough to pass through, we suggest about 13cmx13cm this is too small for most pets to get through but will allow easy passage for hedgehogs.



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Drill your hole using a wood drill bit, one for making circular holes works best. Using a Jigsaw or Coping saw to cut any other parts of the fence out. Use sandpaper to get rid of any rough edges



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Allow vegetation to grow near the hole this will encourage hedgehogs to use it.



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Now make a fun sign to mark your hedgehog hole and share your finished project with us!



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You can also dig a hole under a fence or wall if you cannot make a hole. This will still help hedgehogs pass through your space.



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