

BUG HOUSE

A home away from home for your butterflies, bugs and little creatures.

Not bad, but I wish it had a hot tub.

3 ATTACH ENDS TO BOTTOM

Nailing the first side on is the trickiest.

Maybe, but getting Mom to let me keep bugs wasn't easy either.

I know what you mean. Try talking her into buying a convertible.

5 FOLD EDGES OF SCREEN

I'll get the edges of the screen ready because I'm a good folder.

What do you mean? I'm a careful folder too!

Fold edge of screen over 3/4" all the way around to make a smooth edge.

Oh yeah? I've seen the way you make your bed.

Maybe I'll stick to nailing.

1 WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 1" x 6" x 36" board
- 1" x 2" x 20" board
- 1 small wood screw
- needle nose pliers
- a small scrap of board
- small staples
- 4p finishing nails
- aluminum screen 24" x 12 1/2"
- saw
- hammer
- drill

1. CUT out pieces as shown. Have an adult cut the screen and drill the hole for the door.

2. ATTACH THE SIDES Nail the sides to the bottom.

3. ATTACH THE RAILS Nail the support rails across the top.

4. FOLD THE SCREEN For a smooth edge, fold the screen over 3/4", all the way around.

5. STAPLE screen into place. Start on one corner, then stretch and staple other corners.

6. ATTACH door with screw.

7. FIND BUGS Look for the big fat ones.

2 MEASURE & CUT

Drill pilot hole

Drill 1/4" hole

While you finish cutting the wood, I'll trim this screen for you Woody. I'll also drill the hole for the door.

Thanks Pop. I'd hate to have my bugs locked out.

4 ATTACH THE SUPPORT RAILS

I like nailing. It's as much fun as using a screwdriver-only loader.

TIP: When nailing near the edge of a piece of wood, it's a good idea to drill a small pilot hole. It helps to keep the wood from splitting.

6 STAPLE SCREEN INTO PLACE

Start stapling on one corner, then stretch screen in to place by stapling the other corners. After that, work your way around the edge stapling every few inches.

When you hold the staple with the pliers, you don't hit your fingers by mistake.

This makes a tough job a lot easier.

7 ADD THE DOOR & BUGS! BUGS! BUGS!

I can hardly wait to find some cool bugs!

I want butterflies!

I want a place to hide when your mother hears about this.

I might try eating Mom's eggplant casserole this way.

Use the needle-nose pliers to hold the staple while you tap it into place.