

Hollow Log Homes

Sometimes the simplest solution is the best, here are the instructions for building nest boxes using materials either found around the home or bought cheaply from hardware stores and garden suppliers.

Tools needed

Tin Snips or sharp knife
Marker pen
Ruler
Cordless Drill
scissors

Brushtail Possum Planter Box

Materials

2 large Plastic plant pots 270 mm or larger @ \$2.49 each = \$4.98
3 cable ties
Mulch or shredded paper
Plastic coated wire
2 Small pieces of old hose pipe

Method

Put Plant pots end to end (openings together)
Drill 3 evenly spaced holes through rims of both pots
Pull cable ties trough and secure pots together, trim cable ties
With a marking pen draw a 110 mm Diameter circle in one end of plant pot possum house
Drill a hole on the edge of this circle
Using the tin snip or sharp knife cut the circle out
File or sand off any sharp edges
Box can be lined with old carpet or fabric of you wish or just put a layer of Mulch or shredded paper inside
Secure in tree in Shaded area of garden using the plastic coated wire and hose pipe, either through the cable tires or through the drainage holes in pots.

Hanging Bat planter box

Materials

2 medium Plastic plant pots 250 mm or smaller
Old jeans or similar (Children's leggings work well)
2 cable ties
Plastic coated wire
2 Small pieces of old hose pipe

Method

Place planters inside one another so that the drainage holes do not line up.
Drill 2 sets of holes, one on each side of the Base of the pots making sure you go through both pots.
Poke one cable tie trough the holes and loop around leg of jeans
Repeat with other side (Bunched up fabric in base of pot is good) fabric should hang out about 60mm from bottom
Attach to horizontal branch in sheltered area of garden by pushing wire thorough drainage holes of top pot.

Ringtail possum Planter box

Materials

2 wire hanging baskets with Coconut fibre lining @\$4.88each = \$9.76
5 cable ties
Plastic coated wire
2 small Pieces of old hose pipe

Method

With the coconut fibre inserted into the baskets, attach the baskets to each other using the tie wires.
Trim Tie wires
Cut one of the wires from the end of the basket, then cut a 80 mm diameter hole in coconut fibre, as possum entrance hole
Attach to tree in shaded area of garden