Native mason bees pollinate plants near their home, but suitable spaces are disappearing. Make a nest to attract these native bees and enjoy the benefits of docile pollinators in your garden.

1. Cut a cardboard tube to about 6” long.

2. Cut straws 6”–8” long to fill the tube.

3. Cut two 16” pieces of cord. Tie the ends and hot glue the cord to the nest. Let the glue dry.

Your nest is ready!
Place or hang it in a warm spot 6–7’ off the ground, ideally protected from rain. Bees should use the nest through early summer. Leave the nest outside or place it in an unheated garage or basement during fall. Take it out next spring when temperatures are above 50°F!

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:
- Wide cardboard tube, closed at one end
- Paper straws
- Cord (about 1 yard)
- Utility knife or heavy-duty scissors
- Hot glue gun

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