

# SOLITARY BEE HOUSE INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

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Remove the top tray (slide forward) this tray will be quite firm to remove due to the fact that it holds a plastic tension spring to keep the grooved nesting tray's firmly in place.

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Remove the grooved nesting tray's (if you are inspecting your solitary bee house after the first seasons use May to October) you will see the dormant leafcutter bee cells that have been created in the nesting tunnels.



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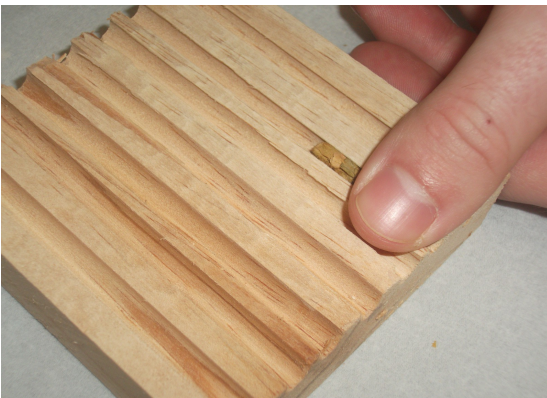
Using a popsicle stick or such like, carefully remove the leafcutter bee cells from the nesting tray by gently sliding them out of the nesting tunnels into a container. Clean out the remaining tray's.

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Gently pull apart / separate the leafcutter bee cells into individual cells.

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Take each individual leafcutter bee cell and place it in the nesting tunnel (about a thumb width back from the front of the nesting tray). If you find that you have more leafcutter bee cells than you have tunnels..... consider increasing your pollination and [order an additional solitary bee house](http://www.creativewoodcraft.co.nz)



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Replace all the nesting tray's back into your solitary bee house.

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Once all the nesting tray's have been replaced, take the top tray, press down firmly the plastic tension spring firmly until it is almost flat and slide the top tray back into the solitary bee house.

\* Annual maintenance of your solitary bee house.

*During the process of inspecting your solitary bee house it is a recommendation that to help preserve your solitary bee house for years to come, an application of boiled linseed oil is applied to the exterior (\*please note: not the nesting tray's)*

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If your prefer to store your solitary bee house indoors during the winter months thats fine. Place all the dormant leafcutter bee cells in a small plastic container (such as the one that your bee cells arrived in) and store in your refrigerator at aprox 4 degrees , this temperature is not crucial and if it varies a bit either way it is not a problem.

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Your solitary bee house is ready to install into your garden.



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