

Pill Bug Habitat!

Create a comfy vacation home
for some roly poly pill bugs!

Materials

- a clear container such as a large jar, plastic shoebox or small aquarium.
- soil
- leaf litter
- small piece of bark or decaying wood
- grass or moss
- a little piece of damp cardboard
- a small rock



- 1 Make sure that whatever lid you're using has a few **small** holes poked in the top! Pill bugs need air circulation, but if the holes are too big, they'll let out all the moisture and pill bugs need moisture to live!
- 2 Create a pill bug-friendly environment by adding a few inches of soil to the bottom of your container (making sure it is moist!), then planting your moss or little bit of grass. Add in the leaf litter, twigs, rock and your bit of cardboard so that your pill bug had plenty of places to hide and things to eat. Pill bugs are master decomposers, so they'll be happy chowing down on the cardboard as long as you keep it damp (lightly mist it every day!) You're most likely to find them hanging out under the cardboard or the rock.
- 3 Give your pill bugs a healthy diet! They will love left over fruits and veggies like apples, carrots, potatoes and cucumber. They also like to eat leaf litter.
- 4 Make sure you keep their environment moist! Pill bugs like humidity and shade, but they don't swim, so just make sure you dampen the soil well with a spray bottle to keep them happy.



When you have made all of your observations, you should release your pill bugs back into the wild!