

## What do bees use to make their nests?

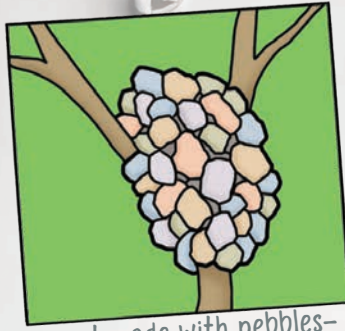
You might be familiar with bees' nests made from wax. But did you know that, depending on the species, bees use all kinds of different materials for nest building? They might use twigs, leaves, flower petals, mud, stones, plant resin or even snail shells! We must protect wild bees' nests so that bees can **thrive** (live healthy lives) and pollinate our food.



# Wild Bees' Nests



A nest made in a shell—  
mason bee



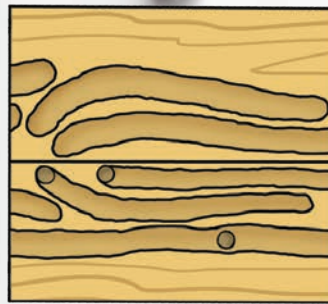
A nest made with pebbles—  
pebble bees



A nest made of resin—  
resin bees



A nest made from leaves—  
leafcutter bees



Nests made in wood—  
carpenter bees



Nests made in the soil—  
mining bees

## Draw a wild bee's nest.

Think about what type of bee made the nest. What materials did your bee use to make the nest? Why did your bee choose these materials?