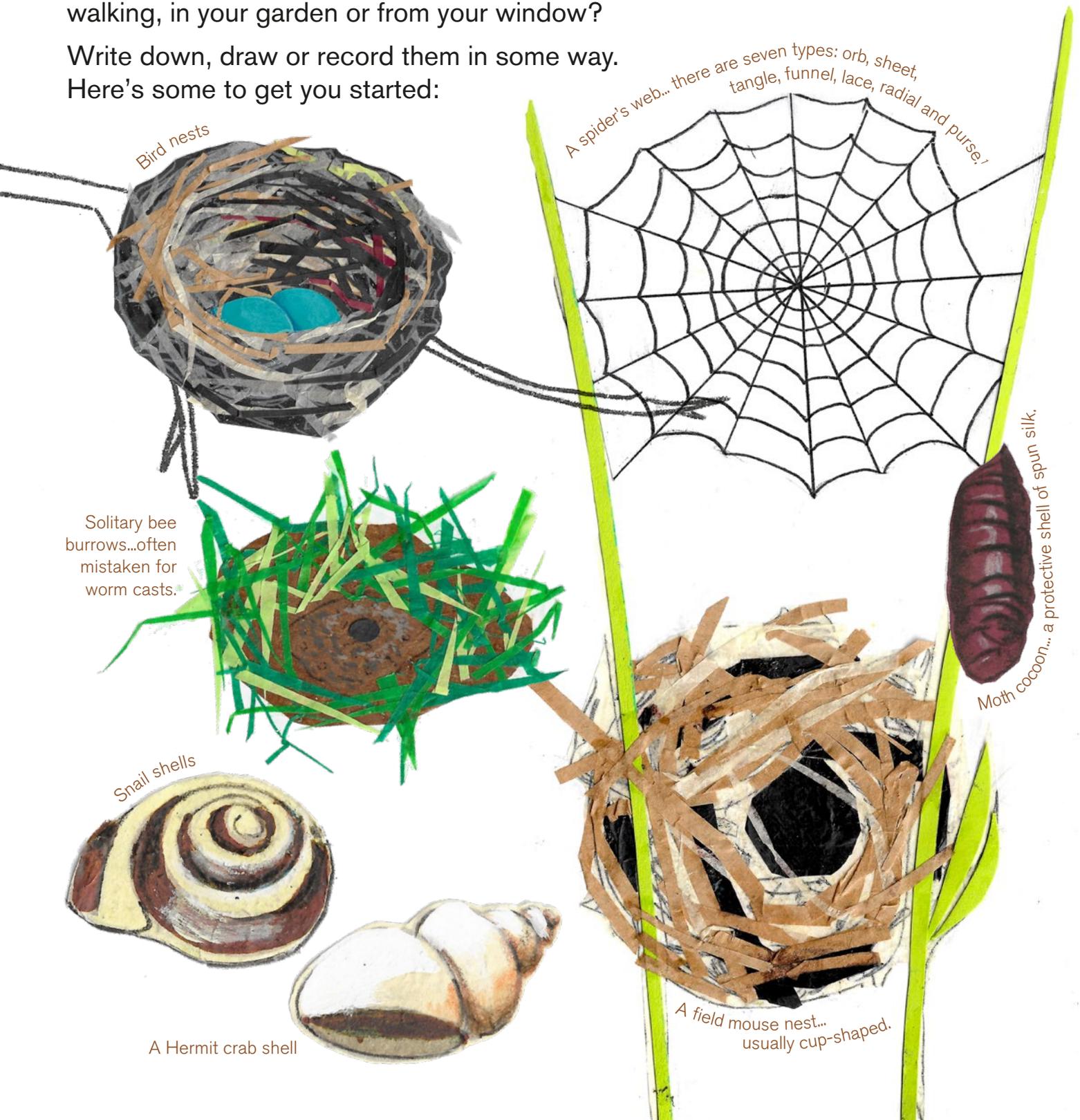


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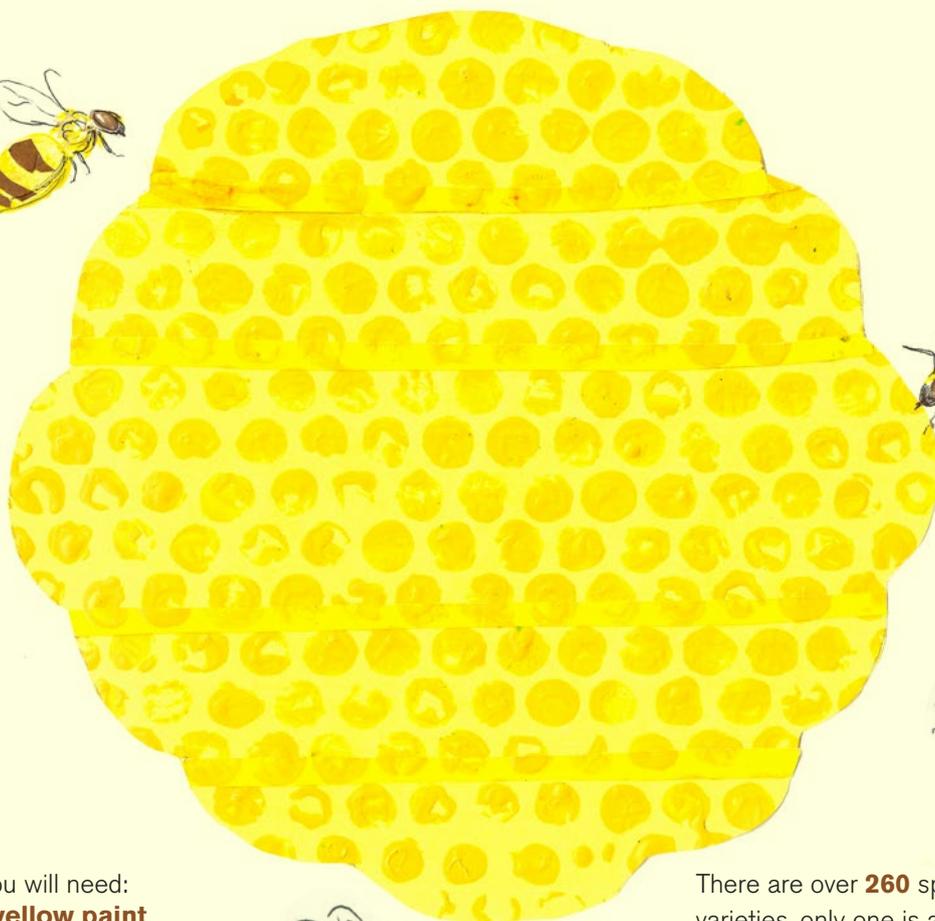
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What animal architecture can you spot whilst out walking, in your garden or from your window?

Write down, draw or record them in some way.
Here's some to get you started:



A LOOK AT BEES...



You will need:

- yellow paint
- a paintbrush
- a dinner plate
- paper
- bubble wrap
- pens



Paint the plate with a thin layer. Lay the bubble wrap gently, bubble-side-down, on top of the paint and smooth it until the bubbles are covered. Carefully pick up the painty wrap and place it on the paper. Keep it as still as you can and press. Peel off to leave a honeycomb repeat pattern.

Once dry, surround it with bee drawings.

¹ Wonderful web info here: bit.ly/wonderfulwebs

² Visit bit.ly/solobees for the rest of the solitary bee story

³ Check out baltic.art/animalesque for more information, images, virtual tours and podcasts about *Animalesque*

⁴ Watch bit.ly/hugonni to hear Marine Hugonnier talk about *Apicula Enigma*

⁵ Top bee-friendly seasonal planting tips here: bit.ly/beeplants

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There are over **260** species of bee in the UK. Of these varieties, only one is a honeybee and **25** are the easily-recognisable fluffy bumbles. The rest are solitary bees.

Solitary bees don't live in colonies or serve a queen. They prefer instead, as their name suggests, to live and work alone. Whilst they don't make honey or wax, solitary bees are star pollinators. With no pollen baskets on their legs, they lose so much fine, dusty pollen when they fly that they can cross-fertilise **120** times more flora than a honeybee². They help to keep our agricultural and plant communities productive and thriving.

Human relationships with the animal world are further explored in BALTIC's group exhibition *Animalesque / Art Across Species and Beings*³ and, in 2014, Marine Hugonnier's exhibition *Apicula Enigma*⁴, used the comings and goings of a bee colony as a metaphor to understand our ever-changing world.

Consider how you can shore up solitary bees' essential pollination service by planting or nurturing some of their faves; blue forget-me-nots, spiky hawthorn, creeping ivy and feathery yarrow will all keep them a-buzz.⁵

