

BECOME A BACKYARD DETECTIVE



WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- 2 large plastic milk bottles
- A sponge
- A craft knife or scissors
- A small plastic tray
- A piece of wood
- Peanut butter
- Polythene wrap/cloth
- A sheet of white paper
- Food colouring
- A piece of wire

MAKE YOUR TRACKING TUNNEL

Cut off both ends of the milk bottles. Slide one bottle into the other to extend the tunnel. Put the piece of wood into the joined bottles to make a floor. Wrap the tunnel in polythene or a piece of cloth to darken it. Soak a sponge in food colouring and place it on the plastic tray. Put the peanut butter on a leaf as lure and place it in the middle of the sponge. Place the sheet of paper on the tunnel floor and put the tray on the middle of the paper.

SET YOUR TRACKING TUNNEL

Put your tracking tunnel out in the garden overnight. To hold your tunnel in place, bend the wire into a U shape and place it over your tunnel and into the ground. Check the paper sheets each morning – how many animal footprints can you see? www.pestdetective.org.nz can help you identify the footprints you find. You may need to add new lure and food colouring, or new sheets of paper if you have lots of visitors to your tunnel.

Tell us how your activity goes & we'll send you a Kairapu Takanga/Backyard Detective medal.

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Slide the two cut
bottles pieces
into each other

Tip: Large square plastic
bottles with small handles,
are a better shape to use

Wrap the tunnel
and put a piece
of wood
inside

Add the sponge and
peanut butter and put your
tunnel in the garden!

Make sure you use
food-grade colouring so you
don't harm any native animals!

