Make a beetle bucket

What good is a bucket with holes in it? Make a brilliant home for little rotters. All sorts of beetles live in rotting wood and leaves. A beetle bucket may be just what they need to survive.

1. Ask an adult to cut 3 cm circular holes in the sides and bottom of the bucket. These are beetle doorways.

2. Dig a bucket-sized hole and put the soil to the side.

3. Bury the bucket in the hole. Put big stones in the bottom, then add a couple of logs and stand them on end. Beetles will lay their eggs in the logs and the grubs will eat the rotting wood. Hmm, does that sound yummy?

4. Fill the bucket with bark chippings to within about 10 cm of the top, then put a layer of soil over it.

5. Put a couple more logs on top and then beetles can choose between the top logs and buried logs. Perfect!

You will need
- Plastic bucket
- Craft knife
- Stones
- Bark chippings
- Spade
- Logs