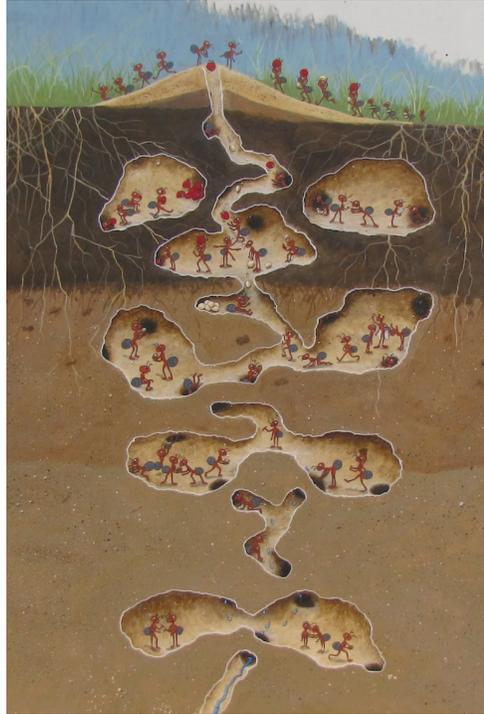




ANT COLONY FORT BUILDING

FUN FACT

Ants are mostly found in groups. There is one queen and many other worker ants. Ants make colonies all over the world. There are over 12,000 species of ants.



Ants live in large groups called colonies. They may nest above ground in ant hills or underground, inside trees, as well as in buildings. Ant nests have a network of tunnels connecting chambers of varying size. Just like the rooms in our house, the chambers are used for different purposes. Some chambers are the food stock chamber, the trash chamber, the nursery chamber, and the mother's chamber where the queen ant lays eggs.

In this game you will build an ant nest with lots of tunnels and chambers.

Gather sheets and blankets, pillows and cushions. If you have any cushions that can stand up to make walls use them.

Ants work together to build their nest. Work together as a colony just like the ants do. Use tables, chairs you can crawl under and couches. Drape sheets over the tables, chairs and the backs of couches. Make thin tunnels you can crawl through into bigger chambers.

Make as many tunnels and chambers as you want or can.

Decide what the chambers will be used for and put things in them to represent what an ant would have in that chamber. Would you like to put some stuffed animals in the nursery? Maybe you could put a cereal box in the food storage chamber. What would you put in the egg hatchery chamber? What about the trash chamber?

Ants are very organized. Crawl around to all the chambers and make sure that everything is in order.

Have fun being an ant in your ant colony fort!

