



what's inside

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Mason bee life cycle



Spring



- in Spring, the female gathers pollen and nectar in her brood cells

- once the pollen stack is complete, the female lays an egg on top of the material
- the larva will hatch and feed off this material through the Summer months

Summer



- in each brood cell, the hatched larva grows while consuming the pollen collected by its mother

Autumn/Winter



- the larva creates silk to spin a cocoon in which to pupate

- they overwinter in the hardened cocoon, emerging the next Spring as adults

cocoons

- you can harvest cocoons in the Winter, this allows you to check on the health of the offspring and monitor parasite activity
- cocoons can be cleaned and kept refrigerated or in a cool dry place to aid in the natural hibernation process

