

The bedding issue

When it comes to bedding, there are many options. The first thing that you have to ask yourself is if your snake comes from a dry or a humid region. If you have a Kenyan sand boa, I doubt that you will make a tropical rain forest setup! If your snake is from an arid region of the world, my bedding of choice would be sand, aspen bedding, or newspaper. Aspen bedding makes a nice, low moisture bedding that is very appealing to the eye and allows snakes that enjoy burrowing to have that option. Sand is great for desert species like bearded dragons and Kenyan sand boas. Sand will need to be replaced every couple months and sifted every week or so to remove dry waste matter. Newspaper is another practical option but is not very aesthetically appealing. Many professional breeders use newspaper as a cheap and practical alternative to more expensive beddings.

For more tropical species, or species that require more humidity, I would recommend cypress mulch. This can be purchased in small bags and pet stores, reptile shows or online, or in large bags and garden stores. If you buy cypress from a garden store, make sure that their cypress mulch has no added chemicals. This bedding is nice and dark brown and is very attractive to look at as well.