

NEST BOX KIT INSTRUCTIONS

Please see the video on our YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pf969WxaF6c>

1. Lay out all your pieces on a flat surface.
2. **Sides:** The sides go on first. Sloping end is the top; pre-drilled counter-sunk guidance holes at the bottom, facing outwards (you'll need these to secure the bottom later)
 - a. Position the sides on the back - make sure they are in line with each other (use a pencil/ruler to mark their position. **There are pencil lines included to help guide you.**)
 - b. Screw the sides to the back from the back, using the guidance holes. ***The sides must be flush with the edges of the back board.***
3. **Front:** Now fix the front piece to the sides, using the pre-drilled holes. [The entrance hole is towards the top.] ***The front must be flush with the sides and top.***
4. **Bottom:** There are lots of holes in this piece. These are for drainage and ventilation.
 - a. With a hammer, gently tap in the bottom, so it's in line with the two sides.
 - b. Use the guidance holes we saw at the bottom to screw the bottom in place.
5. **Lid:** Now pop on the roof/lid of the bird box (this will be slanting downwards) using the tac nails to secure the hinge (black waterproof material) to the lid and back board.
 - a. ***Use 5 nails on the lid area, and 3+ on the top (back board) area.***

That's it! Now paint or decorate your bird box if you like, or leave natural. Remember: ONLY use water-based paints or preservative/wood stain.

Fix it to a tree. 2-5m off the ground, away from large branches, fences or shed roofs so cat's can't reach it.

More info and instructions for making a kit from scratch on our website.

<https://friendsoflimpsfieldcommon.org/how-to-build-our-nest-box-kits/>