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#OURHAPPYMOMENT

**DO IT YOURSELF
BUILD A NESTING BOX**

HOW TO



DO IT YOURSELF. BUILD A NESTING BOX

With a self-made nesting box you can not only help titmice, sparrows etc., but also beautify your garden!

Our instructions show you how to do it step by step!



TOOLS

- ♥ **Workbench**
- ♥ **Jigsaw**
- ♥ **Drill**
- ♥ **Wood & Forstner Bit**
- ♥ **Cordless screwdriver & Bits**
- ♥ **Wood rasp & Sandpaper**
- ♥ **Try square**
- ♥ **Tape measure**
- ♥ **Pencil**

MATERIAL

- ♥ **2 Boards for the side walls**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **1 Board for the back wall**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **1 Board for the front wall**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **1 Board as a roof**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **1 Board as a floor**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **18 Countersunk screws**
3,5 x 40 mm with partial thread
- ♥ **2-4 Short countersunk screws**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **2 Screw hook**
3,0 x 40 mm
- ♥ **2 Screw eyes**
2,3 x 12 x 5 mm
- ♥ **Old piece of bark**
For the roof
- ♥ **1 piece of old garden hose**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm
- ♥ **1 piece plastic coated wire**
Dimensions: 15 x 28 cm





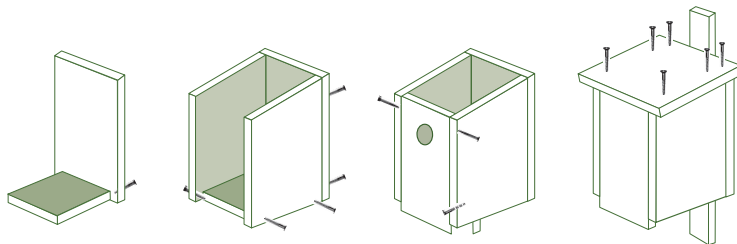
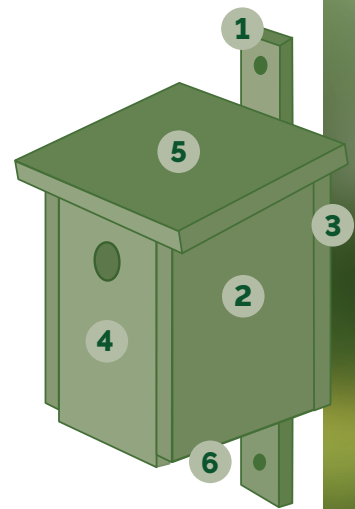
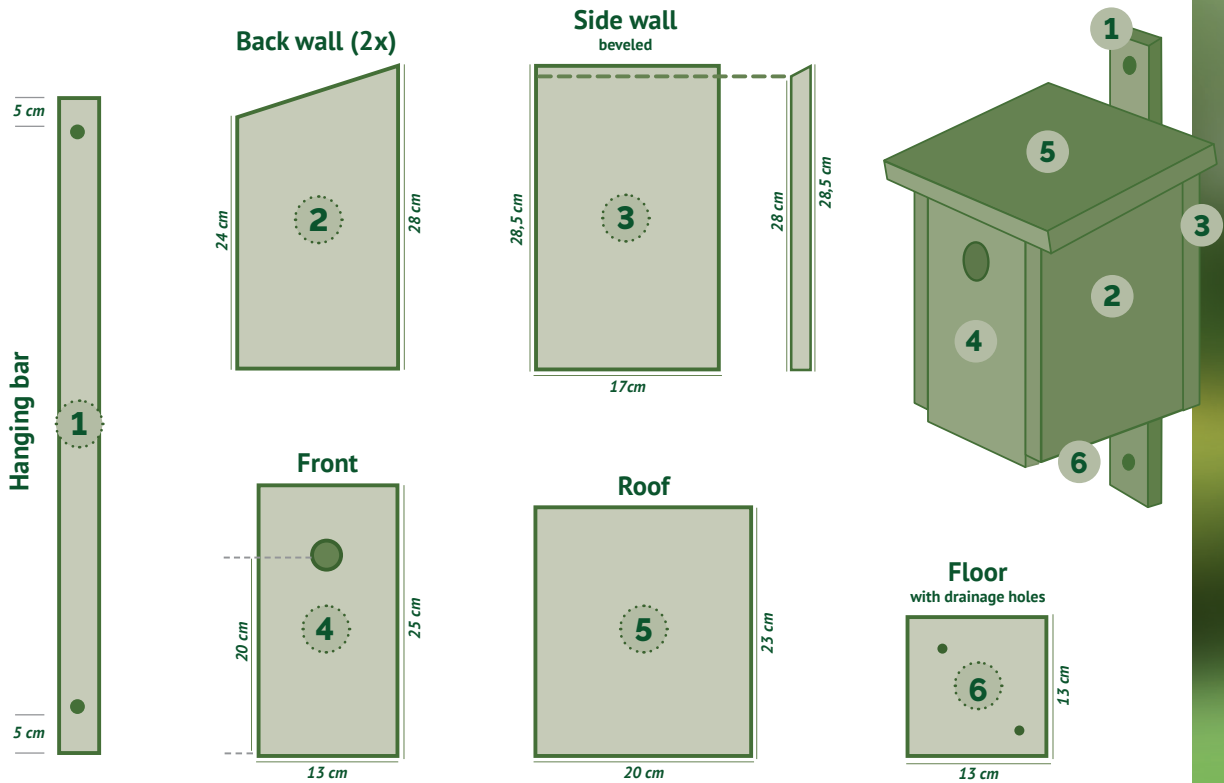
THE BUILDING PLAN FOR YOUR NEST BOX

Using our sketch you can see what the individual components of your project will look like.

Take a close look at what parts you need and how big they are should be.



BUILDING PLAN



composition of individual components

THE INSTRUCTION

Here we explain to you step by step what to do. We hope you have fun making it yourself! Let's start with marking and cutting.

Step 1 - Step 3



STEP 1

Mark the saw cut

Start by taking measurements for each one. Transfer components to the wood. Mark all right angles using a try square.

STEP 2

Cutting components

Now it's time to cut the components for your nesting box. A jigsaw is suitable for this. Alternatively, you can use a small hand-held circular saw. It is best to clamp the board in a workbench so that nothing slips.

STEP 3

Cutting components

You saw the side parts at an angle to create a roof slope. At the top they are 4cm shorter at the front than at the back.

You also bevel the back wall by 5mm. To do this, adjust the base plate of the jigsaw to an angle of 22.5 degrees. Saw precisely along the top edge of the board.

THE INSTRUCTION

What you can do so that you don't find yourself working injured and how to create entry holes for various Types of wild birds are drilled, we explain to you here!

Step 4 - Step 6



STEP 4

Smooth the saw edge

Then smooth the edges with coarse sandpaper. This way you can carry out the next steps safely without catching a splinter.



STEP 5

Prepare entry hole

The entrance hole not only serves as an entrance for birds. It must also be placed in such a way that Predators cannot get to the offspring. Therefore mark the hole 20 cm from the board Bottom edge removed to increase thickness Base plate to be taken into account.

STEP 6

Drill and expand entry hole

Use a Forstner bit to drill the hole in the board. The diameter is 25 mm. Then use a wooden rasp to widen the opening.

It should then be approx. 26 mm to 28 mm large so that small tits, such as blue tits, can get into the nesting box. If you want to build the nesting box for great tits, you need a 32 mm entry hole; sparrows, for example, need 35 mm to get in.



THE INSTRUCTION

How to prevent moisture from building up in the nesting box accumulates, how the birds find hold on it and how you do You can find out all the components put together here!

Step 7 - Step 9



STEP 7

Drain holes for the base plate

With two 6mm holes in the bottom you ensure that moisture does not collect in the nesting box. Stagger the drainage holes on the base board and then drill through the board with a wood drill.



STEP 8

Roughen side walls

If you are using planed wood for your nesting box, you will now need a rasp. Use it to roughen the inside surfaces of the side walls. This means the birds have a better grip.



STEP 9

Assemble the nesting box

After you have prepared all the components, put them together using a cordless screwdriver. You need two countersunk screws per edge.

For the front board, you only use one screw on each side. Use screws with a partial thread - these are smooth at the top - and place them at the height of the entry hole. Thanks to the partial thread, the screws do not come out when opened. Alternatively, you can also use nails.



THE INSTRUCTION

Almost there! After the parts have been put together it goes to the roof of the nesting box. Once you're done, you can do it using the attach the hanging strip to a tree, for example!

Step 10



STEP 10

Cladding and attaching the roof

You can use roofing felt to seal the roof. Take one that you attach to the board with roofing felt pins or a stapler. This prevents rain from drying cracks in the wood can penetrate.

Alternatively, you can protect your roof from water with a piece of oak bark. Attach the bark to the roof with short screws. Finally, put the roof on. Attach it to the back wall and side walls.



... and
done!