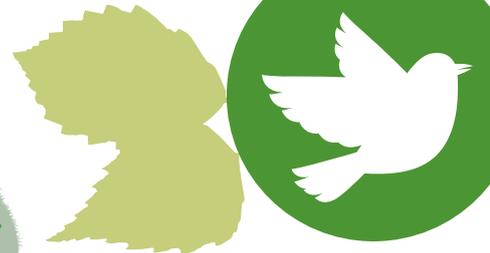


# How to...

## Build a Nest Box

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families



Nestboxes are a great way to attract feathered friends to your garden with many returning to the same site each year!

### Where to put up

Boxes should be fixed two to four metres up a tree or a wall with a clear flight path to the entrance. If on a tree, avoid using nails which can cause damage – use a nylon strap instead. Remember that trees grow in girth as well as height, and check the fixing every two or three years. Face the box between north and east, to shelter it from the worst of the wind, rain and sun.

### When to put up?

Autumn is best as many birds are looking for a suitable place to roost or feed. Tits will not seriously investigate nesting sites until February or March.

### You will need:

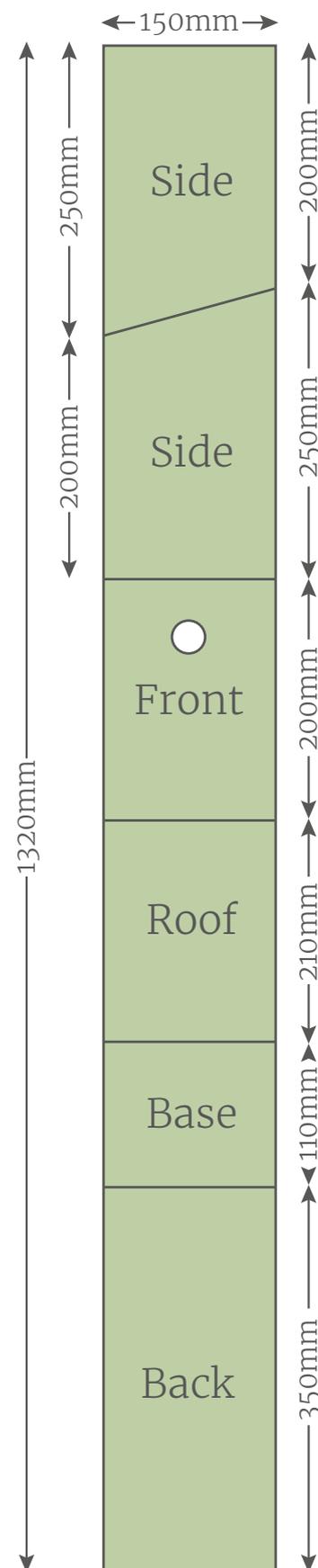
#### Tools

- Pencil, tape measure & ruler / tri square
- Saw
- Use of Drill and 25 or 28mm bit
- Screwdriver (PH2 or PZ2)
- Sandpaper

#### Materials

- Timber (1320mm x 150mm x 15mm)
- L – shaped brackets (25mm x 25mm) x10
- Screws (3.5mm x 13mm) x20
- Nest box metal plate (25 or 28mm  $\phi$ ) with 4 screws
- Rubber strip (old bike tyre) for lid and latch & hoop to fix roof down

The entrance hole size depends on the species you hope to attract: 25 mm for blue, coal and marsh tits and 28 mm for great tits, tree sparrows and pied flycatchers.



## Instructions:

- 1 Mark & measure the timber and location for hole in FRONT panel
- 2 Drill the hole in the FRONT panel using either a 25mm or 28mm Ø bit (centre of hole 50mm from top of panel)
- 3 Cut the panels out using the saw, taking rough edges off with sandpaper
- 4 Fix the metal plate over the FRONT hole using the 4 screws
- 5 Fix eight L-brackets on the SIDE panels as shown below
- 6 Screw the FRONT panel to the 2 SIDES using the 4 brackets
- 7 Screw the BASE to the 2 sides using the 2 brackets (the base should sit on top of brackets). You may need to support the inside of while fixing the screws.
- 8 Lie the BACK panel flat and screw the 2 SIDES to the BACK, leaving a gap approx 50mm at the top and 30mm at the bottom
- 9 Screw 2 brackets to the BASE and BACK panel
- 10 Attach the ROOF to the BACK panel using the rubber strip and six screws. Attach the latch to hold in place

