How to Make a Bird Box

What you'll need:



Hammer



Thin panel nails



Saw



Hole saw



Animal safe paint



Hinge



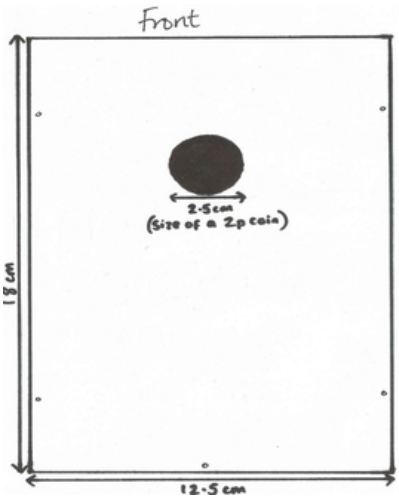
Wooden pallet slats from a repurposed pallet

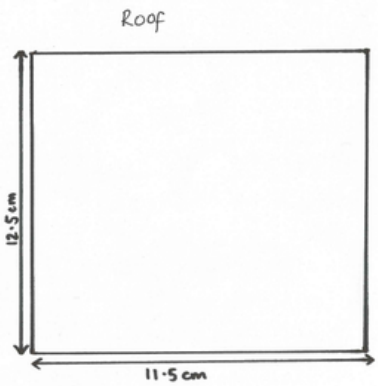


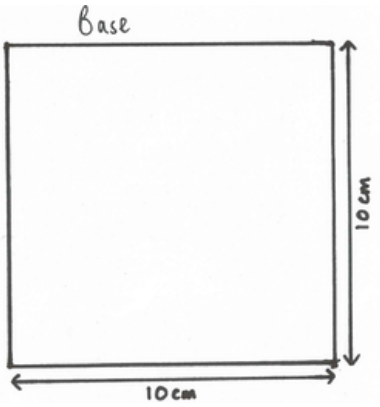
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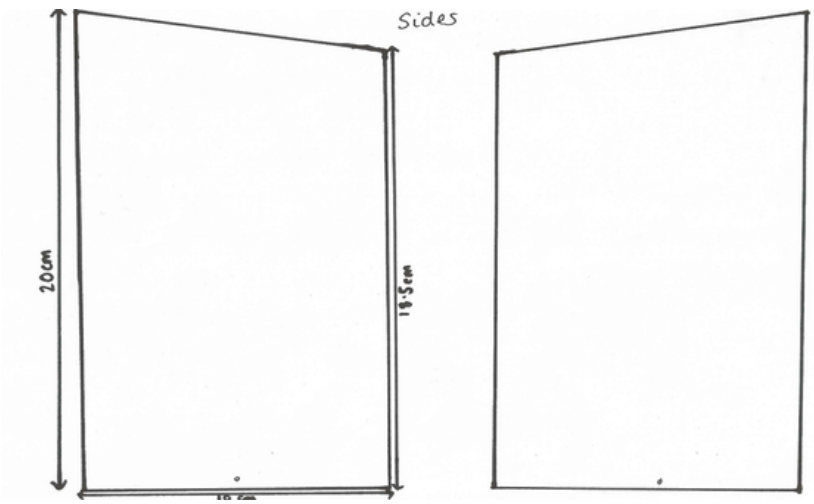
Step 1

Cut your wood from the pallet to the following sizes. Remember to get an adult to help you with any steps involving sharp tools and nails!

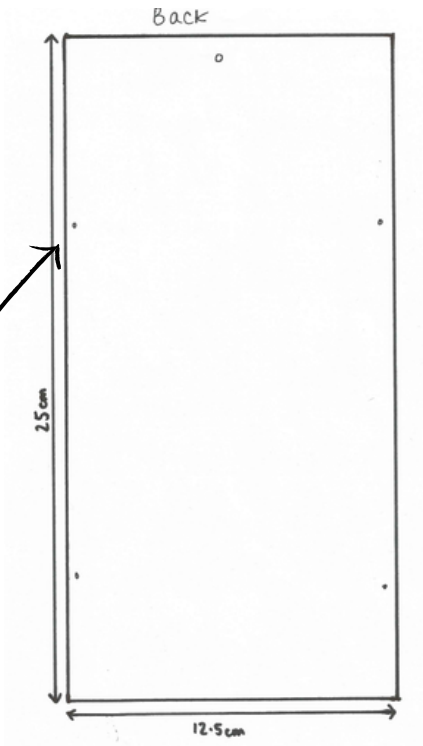








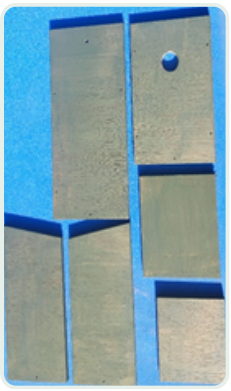
These dots show you where the nails will go. You may find it helpful to mark them on with a pen.

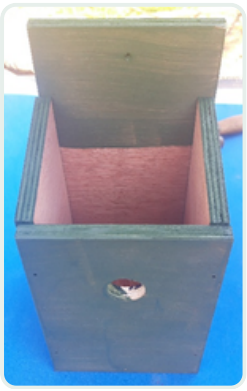


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Step 2

Paint each of the parts. You only need to paint the sides that will face outwards. Ensure you use an animal safe wood stain or paint. It should state this on the packaging. Painting is optional!





Step 3

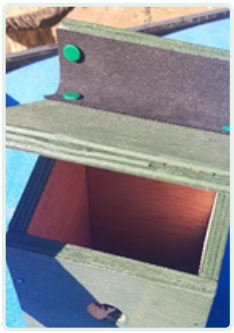
Assemble your box by hammering thin panel nails or pins to join each piece. Do not attach the lid yet as you need to put this on a hinge so it can be opened for cleaning at the end of each nesting season.

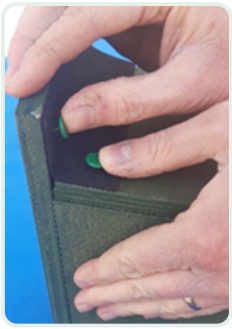


Step 4

Attach your hinge using a hammer and nails.

Your bird nesting box is now complete!





Putting up your nest box

- Don't put a perch on your box as this makes it harder for the birds to defend.
- Tilt box forward slightly so rain bounces off.
- Try to position your box facing east. North facing sites can be very cold. South facing sites can get too warm, and west facing sites receive the full force of wet winds.
- The bottom of the entrance hole should be at least 12cm from the base of the box to prevent young birds falling out.



Keeping your nest box clean

Each Autumn, remove old nesting material and clean your bird box with hot water. This helps reduce the risk of infectious diseases.

When cleaning your box, make sure you are outside and wearing gloves.