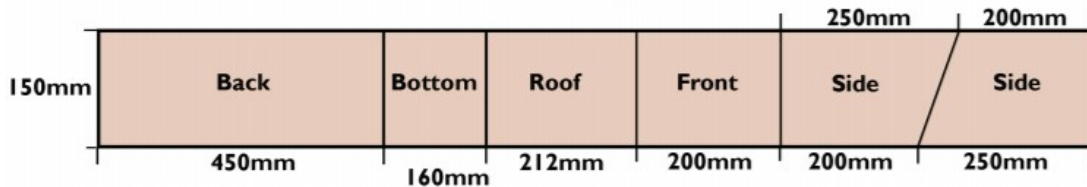


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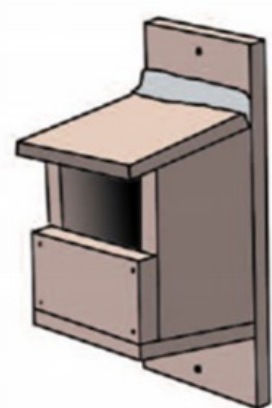
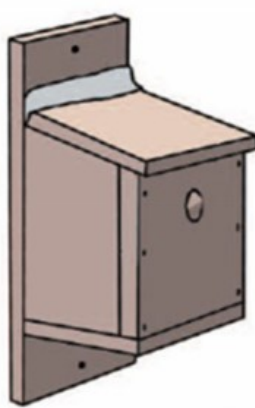
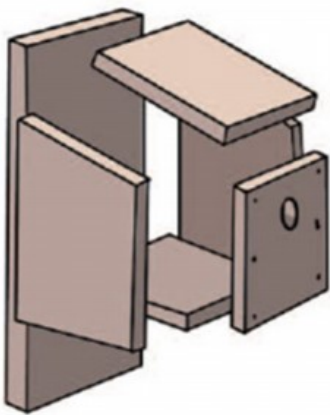
## NEST BOX



Cut a piece of wood (approx 10mm thick) to the following dimensions



The pieces fit together like this.....



1. Get a piece of wood 150mm x 1472mm long and about 10mm thick. Follow the diagram to make all the pieces you will need.

2. Either cut a hole in the front or cut the front down to make a large square opening for the birds to get in and out of their new home.

3. Screw or nail the side panels behind each side of the front panel from the outside.

4. Then screw or nail the base to the front and side panels from the outside. Followed by the back panel screwed or nailed from the back.

5. Use screws to fix the lid in place. Screws mean that you can take the lid off next winter and clean out any mess the birds have left so it is nice and clean for the next year.

6. Make holes as shown in the diagram on the back plate so that you can affix the box to your chosen location.

7. Put your nest box up by the end of February so the birds get used to it. This way it will no longer smell of humans when birds start looking for possible nesting sites in March.

8. Most boxes should be positioned between one and two metres above the ground. Try to find somewhere that predators like cats and magpies can't easily get at. Do not place in an exposed position; not too dark or windy nor in full sun.

Size of hole	Bird
25mm	Blue Tit, Coal Tit, Marsh Tit
32mm	Pied Flycatcher, Great Tit, Nuthatch, Tree Sparrow
Open	Robin, Wren, Spotted Flycatcher

