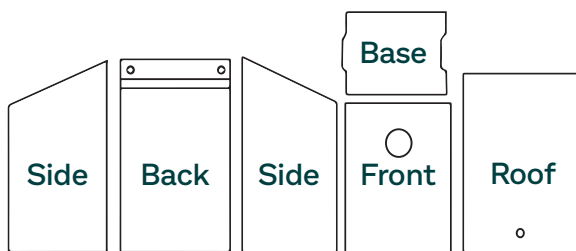


# How to build a bird box

## You will need:

- Your bird box kit
- Gloves
- Hammer
- Screwdriver
- Nails
- Screws



## All you need to do is:

- 1** From the rear of the back (without the groove) nail it to the two sides.
- 2** Position the base between the two sides and the back then nail it into place.
- 3** Fit the front panel to the front. Don't forget to check that the sloping top is in line with the base. Nail it into place.
- 4** Slide the roof into the groove at the back and screw it down into the front panel. Be careful, make sure you don't miss the wood underneath.



## To put up your bird box...

- Find a nice sheltered spot - make sure the entrance hole of your nest box is protected from winds, rain and direct sunlight. We don't want our feathered friends getting wet.
- Get your ladder out - small holed nest boxes are best put at heights of 1.5 to 3m. If you can't find a suitable tree, the sides of sheds and houses make good spots. Be careful if using a ladder.
- Keep it safe from intruders - make sure that it's not easily accessible for cats or squirrels.



# Bird boxes

Use the following table to determine which bird box to use and where to position it.

Species	Box type	Hole size	Box location	Box position above ground
<b>Blue tit</b>	Small hole	2.5cm	Trees and buildings	2.4m and above
<b>Coal tit</b>	Small hole	2.5cm	Trees (coniferous)	Ground level and above
<b>Great tit</b>	Small hole	2.5cm	Trees and buildings	2.4m and above
<b>House martin</b>	Cup shape	Approx 6cm	Buildings	Directly under eaves/roof
<b>House sparrow</b>	Small hole	3.2cm	Buildings	Gutter height, adjacent to roof overhang
<b>Pied wagtail</b>	Open-fronted	5cm	Buildings, patios, log/stone piles	1m and above
<b>Robin</b>	Open-fronted	6.5cm	Dense cover; fences, trellis, walls etc	1.5m and above
<b>Starling</b>	Medium hole	4.5cm or triangular wedge	Trees and buildings	Gutter height, adjacent to roof overhang
<b>Swift</b>	Small hole	Approx 3cm	Buildings	Gutter height, adjacent to roof overhang
<b>Tree sparrow</b>	Small hole	2.8cm	Trees close together in groups	2m and above
<b>Wren</b>	Open-fronted, small hole	2.8cm upwards	Dense cover; fences, trellis, walls etc	1.5m and above



# Other ways you can help birds to find shelter



Leave out hair or fur cuttings so birds can use it to build cosy nests.



Plant trees and bushes in your garden; like holly and rowan.



Worried your garden is too shady? You can grow ivy as it offers shelter and food for birds.



Build a brush pile. Place fallen branches, garden cuttings, logs and even your old Christmas tree in a criss-crossed pile in a quiet corner of your garden. It doesn't have to be a tidy pile, a messy one is just as good.