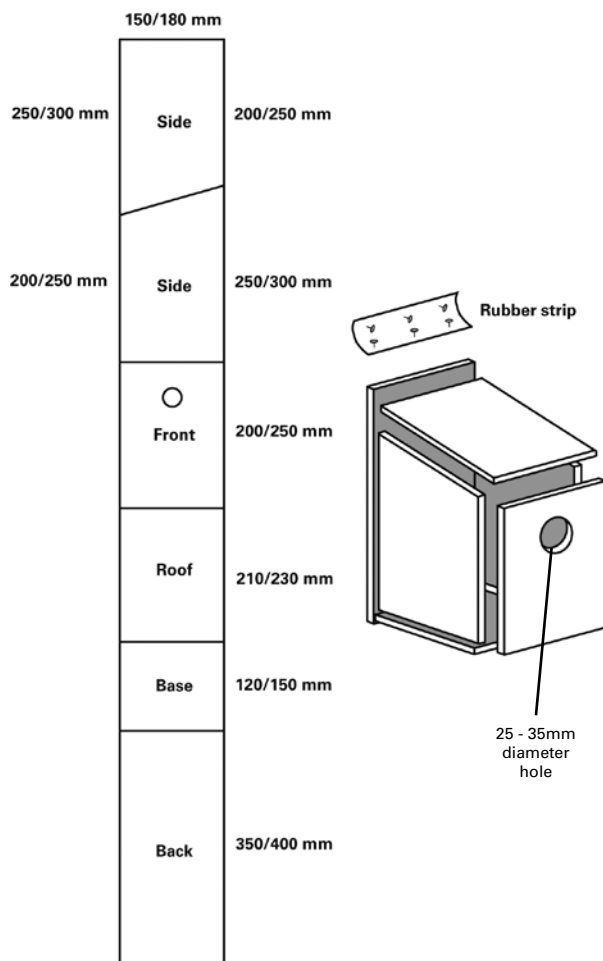


Make a nestbox

Just think – the box you make could soon be filled with baby birds!

- 1 Ask an adult to cut the plank up to the sizes shown here and to drill the hole in the front of the box.



- 2 Nail the sides to the back with three nails on each side.
- 3 Slot the bottom piece into place and nail it to the sides. Use two nails on each side.
- 4 Nail the front onto the sides with four nails.

Stay safe

Use the hammer carefully and slowly – little taps on the nail work much better than big blows. Take care not to hit your fingers or those of anyone helping you.

You will need

- A plank 150-180 mm wide, 1330-1580 mm long and 15 mm thick
- 14 galvanised round-headed nails, 3.5 cm long
- 6 small galvanised round-headed nails, 15 mm long
- Strip of rubber (such as an old bike inner tube)
- Small hammer

- 5 Using the small nails, fix one side of the rubber strip to the piece of wood for the lid – this will be the hinge. Put the lid on top of the box and nail the other side of the rubber strip to the box. Don't nail down the lid though!



- 6 Find a quiet place in your garden. The ideal spot is between two and five metres from the ground, out of the reach of cats, and facing between north and east. If you're attaching it to a tree, use wire rather than nails.

