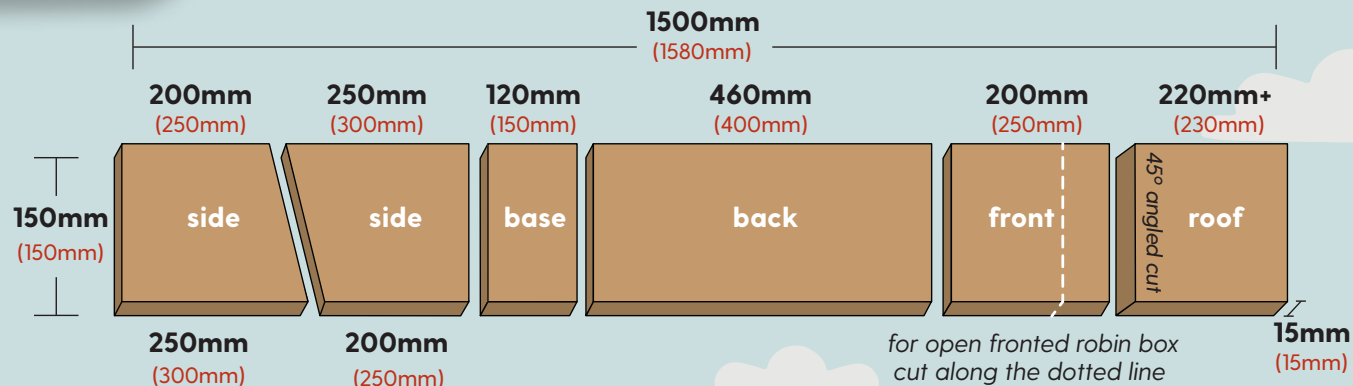


# Making nest boxes

## A how-to guide

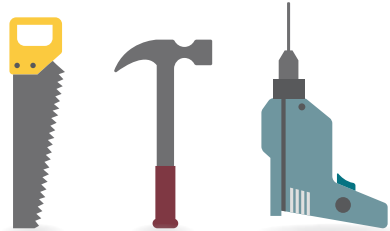
### The measurements

Follow measurements in **red font** for Starling box. For all other species follow measurements in black.



### The tools

Saw, hammer or drill



Pencil, tape measure and scissors



### The materials

Rough sawn timber or plywood  
Old rubber tubes or small hinge  
20mm nails or screws

### Step 1

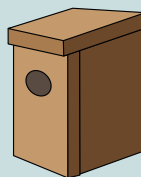
Using the diagram above, measure and mark out the timber. Labelling the sections can come in handy later.

### Step 2

Choose the size of the entrance to suit the desired species:

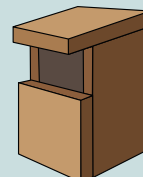
#### Hole fronted boxes:

- Drill hole to selected diameter
- » Blue Tit (25mm)
- » Great Tit/Wren (28mm)
- » Sparrow (38mm)
- » Starling (45mm)



#### Open fronted box:

- » Suitable for Robin (open fronted boxes can sometimes be used by Wren or Spotted Flycatcher). Cut front panel at 130mm as illustrated by the broken line in the diagram above.



### The installation

Fix the box 2-5m above the ground somewhere sheltered. Robin boxes are best placed no higher than 2m.

If there is no natural shelter, it is best to mount a box facing somewhere between south-east and north, to avoid strong direct sunlight and the heaviest rain.



2-5m above ground

### Step 3

Assemble the box by nailing/screwing panels together. Fix the roof panel using a hinge or strip of rubber. Box can be treated with water-based preservatives (externally only) to prolong its life and help repel water.