

How to assemble the bird house.

Thank you for your purchase – assembling the bird house is fun. You need only 2 tools.

A cross head screwdriver. You can use an power screw driver (I do!), but make sure you insert screws slowly and do not over tighten to avoid splitting the wood.

A small hammer – you will need to gently tap in the bird perch, again you want to do this gently – wood is easy to split! - this does not need to be very tight, birds are very light so they can fly. If you want to make it more secure add a dab of wood glue – but I never do!

That's it – everything else is pre-drilled (and test assembled), so if you find a missing hole or a countersink on the wrong side, please take a moment to check everything looks correct.

There will be gaps – don't worry! - line things up as best you can – gaps add ventilation, everything will look great at the end – Trust the process :-).

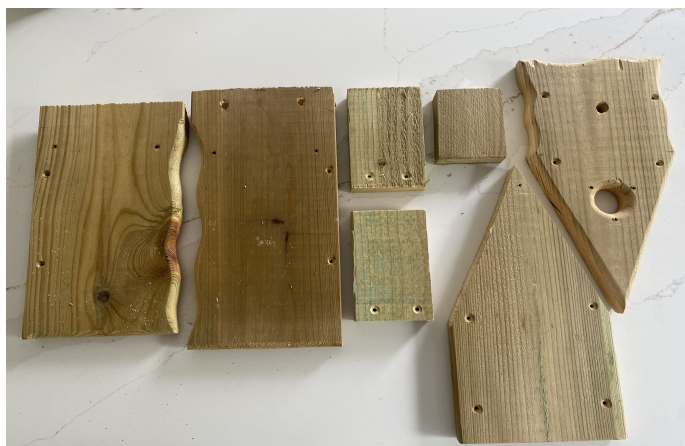
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Get yourself a nice clean (no mess) work area. A second pair of hands will come in handy.

Check components;



1. Roof Felt
2. Metal Butterfly
3. Twig for Perch (you can get your own)
4. Metal Bracket
5. 7 Small Gold Screws
6. 15 Large Gold Screws
7. 1 Metal Hole Protector (Circle)
8. 3 Small silver screws.



9. Small roof piece
10. Large roof piece
11. 2 side walls
12. 1 floor
13. Back panel
14. Front panel (Bird hole in it)

Okay Great Let's get started. You probably want a cup of tea and a biscuit, go ahead!

STEP 1. Put the roof together.

You will need 2 long gold screws, and the two roof pieces. These are the two big rectangular pieces with the wobbly sides and 45 degree angle cut at the top.

This is the most fiddly part – so a second pair of hands here is welcome.

You want the 2 pieces resting together as shown on the right. Have both the curved edges facing to you.

Note how the larger roof piece sits on top of the smaller piece.

When you have them aligned screw in the 2 long screws.

Great job! - The structure won't be strong at this point – so be gentle. Now set the roof aside.



STEP 2 – Fix the walls to the floor.

You will need 2 the 2 sides and the floor + 4 long Gold screws.

Fix a side wall to the floor. The floor is not as wide as the side walls, this creates an intentional gap to let any water out.



Now fix the second wall to the floor in the same way. Make sure the gap is on the same edge as the first wall.

STEP 3. Fix the back panel to the roof.

You will need the back panel, the roof we fixed together in step 1 and 4 large gold screws.



Take the roof and lay it down. Place the back panel in as shown on the left.

Now use 2 long gold screws to secure it.

You may need to place a small amount of pressure to squeeze the edges tightly together.

Then flip the bird house over and repeat attaching the roof to the other side with the other 2 long gold screws.

STEP 4. Fix the two pieces together.

You will need the pieces from step 3 and 4 and 4 large gold screws.

Lay the structure out as shown, make sure the water gap in the body is at the back.

Now gently flip the bird house over (again a helper may be useful here).

Now screw in the 4 large gold screws.



STEP 5. Screw on the front.

You will need, the front panel and 4 long gold screws.

Put the bird house back on it's back.

Place the panel down on the body, and fix with the 4 screws.

Incidently each Autumn it's worth cleaning out old nests from the bird house. Take the bird house down and remove these 4 screws, clean and replace.



OK – You now have something that resembles a bird house.

As I said at the beginning, don't worry too much about gaps. But it should now feel pretty solid.

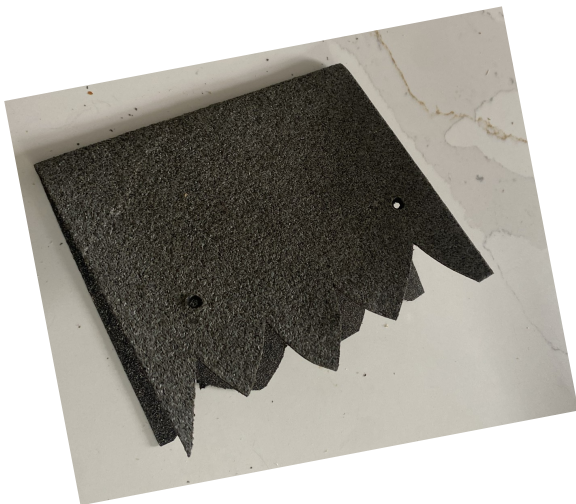
To be fair our feathered friends would already be pretty happy with this.



STEP 6. Lets Felt the roof

You will need the felt and 4 small gold screws.

This tidies up any gap we might have at the top and stops any water getting in.



Take the felt and fold it in half, give it a good straight crease.

Now screw the felt to the roof one side at a time.

Don't over tighten these screws – just let them nip the felt. If you make tight they will cut through the felt.



STEP 7. Woodpecker protector

Now don't get me wrong, Woodpeckers are truly stunning birds who also need help. However, if you have Woodpeckers they will enlarge the hole and make a mess of the box, and to make matters worse this box is too small for them – so they'll destroy it and leave.

You will need, the silver ring and the 3 small silver screws. Now i've given a lot of instructions about the other steps, all I can really say here is screw it on!, just line it up nice and neatly.



STEP 8. Put on the hanger

You will need the metal bracket and the last 2 small gold screws.



Flip the bird house over again. Now lign up the bracket so the top hole is above the ridge of the roof.

Now put one of the screws into the second hole down, it should locate nicely into the wooden roof section.

Then put the last screw into the lowest hole, it will locate into the back panel.

STEP 9. Put on the perch

You will either need the included stick, or you can go out and find your own. The hole is 8mm in diameter. You will notice that I trim down (whittle) the end of the stick down to a tapered end.

Tap the stick in gently, it doesn't have to put in too tight, and you don't want to crack the front of the bird house!



Step 10. The Final Flourish

You need the butterfly and the last small gold screw.

You can put the butterfly wherever you want, in the shops I put them in different places and let customers choose.

The most popular spot is at the top.



Now go and hang it in a tree, on your house, somewhere you can admire it and let the birds do their thing!

Hang between 2-4m (Higher if you or the neighbours have cats). Face North / North East – out of the direct sunlight. Somewhere that does not feel exposed. Provide bird feeders in your garden to encourage them in.

You can hang anytime of the year, but Autumn is best. This gives times for it to settle loose its human scent well before the next years breeding. Autumn is also the best time to remove old nesting material.

Try to leave the birds alone throughout the spring and summer. In good years there may be multiple broods. But if your patient you'll see Mum and Dad coming and going bringing food to the babies. If your really lucky you'll get to see the youngsters fledge and take their first flight.

And.. please send us a picture of your bird house, it makes us so happy.

