

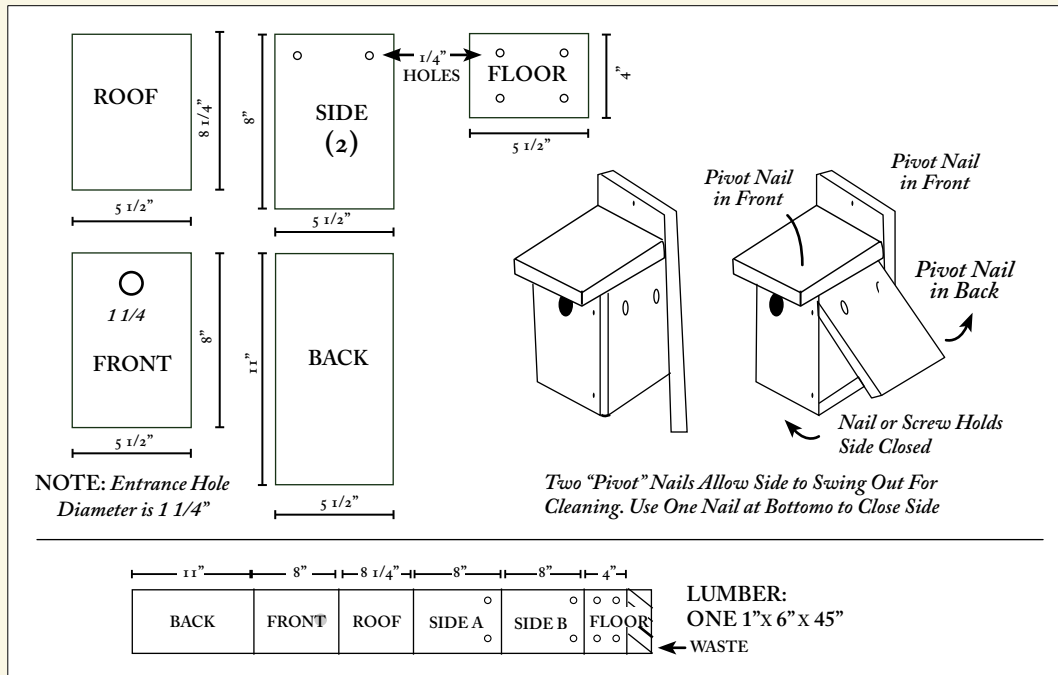
BUILD A BIRDHOUSE!



Building a birdhouse is a fun and creative family project that can greatly benefit birds and local ecosystems!

Birdhouses are used by birds that make their nests in holes in trees or in other hollow or protected places. A well-made and well-placed birdhouse will attract birds to your yard, where they will nest and lay eggs. Planting lots of native flowers, grasses and shrubs in your yard—and not using any pesticides—will benefit the birds by insuring there are lots of insects for them to feed their babies!

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Review the Birdhouse Plan
2. Mark your cuts and carefully cut out all pieces.
3. Drill out drainage holes on bottom and ventilation holes on side 2 (as indicated in plans) with 1/4-inch bit.
4. Drill out 1-1/4-inch entrance hole on front with 1-1/4-inch bit. Rough up the inside of the front a little, if it needs it, as an assist/ladder for the baby birds to climb out of the box when it is time for them to fly away!
5. At this point, to make nailing the birdhouse together easier, you may want to drill starter holes for your nails on the front, back and top with the 5/16-inch bit.
6. Nail the birdhouse together! Be sure to leave side 2 able to be pivoted open (see plan) so the birdhouse can be easily cleaned out after use.
7. You just made a birdhouse!

MATERIALS:

Birdhouse Plan
Untreated Lumber:
1"x 6" x 4'
Galvanized Nails 1.5"

TOOLS:

Ruler or tape measure
Pencil
Hand saw or power saw
Power drill 1-1/4" driver bit,
1/4" bit
5/16" bit
Hammer

SUITED FOR:

House wren
Black-capped chickadee
Carolina chickadee
White-breasted nuthatch
Prothonotary warbler