English Woodworking

Hive Assembly Instructions

Thank you for your purchase and enjoy your new hive!

TOOLS NEEDED:

-Hammer -11/32" wrench -1/2" wrench or deep well socket

-Ratchet or drill -Phillips bit or screwdriver -Level

- Carefully unbox your hive and remove the contents.
- Turn the hive body upside down on a flat protected surface.
- Install legs using the 8 bolts provided. DO NOT tighten the bolts all the way down. Leave the legs loose so they can be adjusted later.
- Turn the hive body over and align the roof with the hinges and put on top.
- Align, wiggle, lift the hinges to insert the hinge pins. Tap into place with a hammer. They have an interference fit.
- Lift the lid and hold it upright. Do not let the lid fall and damage the hive.
- Install the lanyard onto the outside of the hive with the installed nut screw and washer. Leave room so the lanyard moves freely.
- Once the hive is in its permanent location, make sure the hive is level. Bees build comb according to gravity, straight down. If your hive is not level, your comb will be built crooked on your top bars.
- Use a water-proofer, such as tung oil, on the roof shingles to extend the life of the roof. I am currently testing quality for my two first hives' roofs for lifespan. They have been outside since 08 Apr 2024 and are still going. I will update this when that fact changes.

Your hive is now ready for bees! Video instructions and pictures are available on the website. Organicbeehives.com

