



Build this simple birdhouse with basic tools and supplies. The dimensions of the house will be inviting to many different types of birds. Avoid using pressure treated wood, but any other wood will work fine. I like to install a hinge on the roof to allow for cleaning and checking in on the nest. You can apply a clear finish or paint the birdhouse when you're done. Good luck and have fun!

Material and Parts List:

All parts can be cut from one piece of 1" x 8" x 6'

Bottom: 5" x 5"

Sides: 5" x 8" (X2)

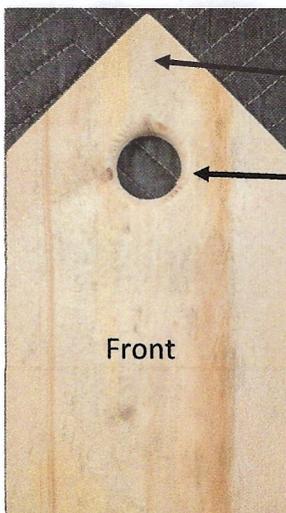
Front & Back: 6 1/2" x 11 1/2" (X2)

Roof left: 7 1/2" x 7 1/2"

Roof right: 6 3/4" x 7 1/2"

Steps:

First, use nails or screws to fasten through the sides into the bottom. Next, cut the angles for the roof line on the front and back (as shown below). Also, drill or cut the entrance hole. Then, fasten the front and back onto the sides. Next, fasten the right side of the roof. Then, use a simple hinge to fasten the left side of the roof to allow for access into the birdhouse. You can drill a few holes in the bottom for drainage.

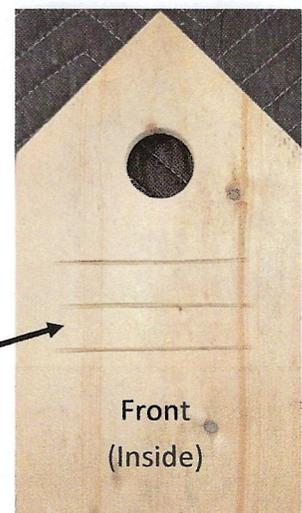


Front

Cut 45° angles at the top to form the roof line.

Measure up from the bottom 8" to the center of a 1 1/2" hole.

It helps to rough up or make some saw cuts on the inside of the front to help the young birds climb out.



Front (Inside)